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Like most kids growing up in San Diego, I spent much of my childhood watching the world whiz by from the back seat of a car. We'd traverse the I-5 several times a week, and I'd idly wonder about the pretty blue dome on top of the hill that loomed on my right as we traveled north, receded to my left as we headed back down south.

Somehow, years went by and I never made it up the hill to find out what, exactly, was the story with that blue dome. And once I'd moved to San Francisco, all things from the Southland faded away to be replaced by the excitement of a new town with new challenges, and new mysterious landmarks. (Does anyone know for sure what actually goes on in that pyramid building? Word on the street is that it has something to do with money.)

I've been back in San Diego now for nearly seven years, and while a lot changed while I was gone — have you seen the price of houses lately? — a lot has stayed the same. Now it's my daughter looking out of the window from the back seat, while I'm up in the front, a bona fide grown-up. When I told her I was going to be working up on the hill that also housed the big blue dome she now sees from the freeway, she was very impressed.

"You're going to work in that castle?," she asked, awe-struck.

I knew just how she felt.

From the first moment I set foot on campus, I felt serene, at peace, immersed in beauty. I suspect that feeling isn't unique to me, and that all incoming freshmen are struck by that same sense of wonder. I know it's captured me by surprise time and again since coming on board in June as editor of *USD Magazine*.

And that sense of discovery is something worth revisiting. Our cover story, "Five Degrees of ... Expectation," aims to follow five newcomers to USD through the next several years, watching them grow along the way. Writer Jennifer Coburn offers up a gritty look at a day in the life of alumnus Adolfo Gonzales '96, who's just been named National City's chief of police. And I spent an amazing day in the woods with a group of kids who are overcoming adversity with a little help from a pair of alums who've been spending their summer vacations making the world a better place for nearly a decade.

We want to keep you posted on what goes on up here on the hill, and we want to know what you think about our efforts. Send us a letter, drop us an e-mail, let us know if our stories move you, inspire you, make you mad or make you proud. We'll be printing a selection of letters to the editor in coming issues, and your opinions count.

Oh, and you'll be happy to know that I found out what's hidden beneath the big blue dome. Finally.

Julene Snyder
Editor, *USD Magazine*

An Indie Intersession

Special Course Teaches USD's Film Students How to Sundance

by Krystn Shrieve

While some USD students spend Christmas vacation sleeping in or swooshing down the ski slopes, this year some will spend their break attending class, doing homework and writing reports. But don't feel too bad for them: Their assignments include watching free flicks, rubbing elbows with movie stars and filmmakers and — if they're lucky — catching a glimpse of Robert Redford.

For the first time, a group of 18 communication studies and business students will be offered a special topics course during the winter intersession, taught at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah. Sundance is an annual festival, founded by famed actor/director/producer Robert Redford, that's dedicated to developing and exhibiting the work of independent filmmakers.

When asked why he signed up for the course, senior Adam Weisman came up with two reasons: "I have such a passion for filmmaking, and I want to go on to film school when I graduate."

The communication studies major and marketing minor was thrilled to be selected to participate in the course, which is

dubbed Independent Cinema at the Sundance Film Festival.

"The opportunity to go to the Sundance Film Festival, see films I wouldn't otherwise get to see, meet directors and hear their thought processes is pretty cool," says Weisman.

The class, which runs from Jan. 17 to 30, allows students — who were selected through an application process — to watch and critique the latest independent films, and learn about the business side of filmmaking directly from people in the industry.

"This is totally different from me standing up in front of the classroom telling students what they need to know about a film," explains communication studies Professor Eric Pierson, who's co-teaching the special course with colleague Roger Pace. "This is an excellent opportunity to allow our students to get some face time with professional filmmakers working in the industry."

To learn about the academics of the film industry, students will form mock corporations and write business reports explaining which films they would purchase. In their reports, students must justify their decisions by discussing the audience each film could expect to draw and the marketing approach they would propose to promote each film.

The craft of filmmaking will be explored

further, both in panel discussions that the class will attend with professionals and during less formal meet-and-greet sessions at local cafes, designed to let students chat with industry insiders who stop in.

"Independent cinema is always exciting because the subject matter is often different from mainstream movies, and we see experimental techniques from directors who are willing to take risks," says Pace, who joined USD's faculty 18 years ago. "We're hopeful that producers, screenwriters and directors will come to the classes we'll be teaching at Sundance, and that maybe students will come away thinking, 'Well, if they did it, then I can too.'"

The filmmakers' fever is sure to be caught by Weisman. He's written a couple of screenplays that he'll carry with him while at Sundance. One is a coming-of-age story



PHOTO BY RUDNEY TAKAMOTO



about a group of adolescents who are sent by their parents to a boot camp in the desert. The other is about a father who worked for the Mafia in the 1950s and his son, a public defender. The script explores how they come to terms with one another's chosen paths in life. Weisman says even though he knows it's unrealistic that he'll be discovered, he'd love to catch the eye of anyone willing to take a peek at his prose.

"If you get a chance to meet your hero, and he or she is willing to look at your work, it's a dream come true," says Weisman, an aficionado of the work of Spike Lee, Akira Kurosawa and young filmmakers like P.T. Anderson and Brian Singer. "I'm there as a student first, more than as a businessman, but if someone read my screenplays and says they're not bad, I'd be pretty happy."

And then, of course, there's the chance for students simply to watch movies for the sheer pleasure of appreciating film as art. Pierson, who teaches the bulk of film classes at USD, including a class on film and cultural politics, says a lot can be learned about a culture and its values from the type of entertainment it produces.

"For example, when we look at the issue of a culture's attitude toward teens, we have to ask what made a movie like 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off' popular in the 1980s and a film like 'American Pie' popular today, and what's going on in our society that made that change happen."

Pierson says that while he enjoys mainstream films as much as the next person, he loves independent films and looks forward to helping students delve deeper into what makes a movie good.

"When I get back from a film festival, my first instinct isn't to whip out old screenplays I've written or to dream up new ones," Pierson says. "What I enjoy most is telling people, 'Hey, you gotta see this film.'"

"I get so excited about sharing what I've seen with others and encouraging them to experience it too," he continues. "If our students come away with an appreciation of films beyond the big Hollywood blockbusters, it would be a huge accomplishment." ♦

Rembrandt's Biblical Revelations

Call it divine intervention, but it seems only fitting that stories from Christianity's most holy book were illustrated by one of history's most divinely talented artists. While the Gospels brought the stories of Jesus Christ to life, Rembrandt brought the Gospels to life.

A new exhibit in Founders Gallery, called "The Gospel According to Rembrandt," features 25 etchings by Rembrandt that depict various scenes in the Bible — from Jesus' infancy, preaching, healings and parables to the passion, the crucifixion and the resurrection. Rembrandt's etchings are said to have been an ideal medium with which to explore the Gospels.

"Rembrandt took advantage of the intimate nature of prints — one has to get close to view them — by using nuances that would not be so effective in painting," reads the catalog written for the exhibit.

On loan to the university, the collection is owned and curated by Bob Hoehn, chair of USD's board of trustees.

"We're so lucky he brought this exhibit to USD, because it has such a great connection to our Catholic heritage," says art history Professor Sally Yard, who assisted with the exhibit. "The chance for our students to be exposed to works of this level, and examine the way Rembrandt's ideas are embodied in such an incredible form, is a fantastic luxury."

The exhibit runs through Dec. 12. Gallery hours are noon-4 p.m., Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and noon-6 p.m., Thursdays, in Founders Gallery, in Founders Hall.



The Lyrics of the Law

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor visited USD as part of "The Music of the Law" theme of the La Jolla Music Society's Summerfest 2004 music festival, which was hosted by USD's School of Law on Aug. 12 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice. O'Connor, whose remarks were accompanied by a prelude of works by Franz Schubert, drew parallels between the law and the world of music.

In her remarks at the event, O'Connor recalled the words of a former law school classmate when she explained that law is a music filled with the logic and clarity of Bach, the thunder — sometimes overblown and pompous — of Wagner, the lyric passion of Verdi and Puccini, the genius of Mozart, Gershwin's invention, Rossini and Vivaldi's energy, Aaron Copeland's folksy common sense, Beethoven's majesty, the ponderous tedium of Mahler, and the sterile intellectualism of Schonberg.

O'Connor said the lyrics of the music of the law are words of equality, justice, fairness, consistency, predictability, equity, wrongs righted, and the repose of disputes settled without violence and without leaving either side with bitter feelings of having been cheated. She went on to say that perhaps her view of the law and the world of music is not a world that ever was, nor ever will be, but a world worth living toward.



To Your Health

Is there a doctor in the house? Why, yes, as a matter of fact, there is. Preventive health physician Dr. Regina Fleming was hired July 1 as the first doctor at USD's student health center.

The newly renovated center — in Camino Hall, Room 161 — has doubled its clinical space to include four exam and treatment rooms. The medical staff has expanded to employ two registered nurses, a

Accept Every Body

The fourth annual Body Acceptance Week was held Sept. 27-30.

Presented by a committee of students and staff, the main goal of the week was promoting and supporting a campus culture that enhances balanced, healthy living and a positive self image, regardless of one's shape or size. The week featured a variety of educational campaigns and activities. Highlights included "Making it Big," a presentation by plus-size



Margaret Valenzuela

Scholarships, awarded annually to exceptional science students. The other students who received the scholarship this year were Jacob Schneider, a physics major, and Makala Maybury, who studies biochemistry.

Worth Mentioning ...

In August, the chemistry department received a \$617,000 award from the **National Science Foundation** for two nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometers, used to analyze and research chemical compounds. Professor Leigh Plesniak will use the state-of-the-art machines to research molecules that potentially could kill cancer or fat cells, and assistant Professor Peter Iovine will study the area of chemistry that could lead to the creation of complex organic molecules for the creation of new drugs or technological

uses. ... In honor of the School of Law's 50th anniversary, the **California Supreme Court** will sit in special session on campus the week of Dec. 6 in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice theatre. Oral argument sessions are free and open to the public, but seating is limited. For information, call Theresa Hrenchir, the law school's director of special projects, at (619) 260-7438 or send an e-mail to hrenchir@sandiego.edu. ... Noleen Heyzer, head of the **United Nations Development Fund for Women** — the leading operational agency within the UN, which promotes women's empowerment and gender equality throughout the world — will speak at 7 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice. Heyzer will address the link between women's rights and peace as part of the IPJ's conference on UN Resolution 1325 — which states that women should be involved in all peace negotiations and reconstruction projects — as well as the IPJ's distinguished lecture series, the theme of which is "Human Rights Under Pressure."



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Dr. Regina Fleming

nurse practitioner, Fleming and two other practitioners who jointly cover a full-time position.

Among the services provided are physicals for students studying abroad and immunizations, as well as general lab tests and prescriptions at less expensive rates than those typically offered by most insurance plans or pharmacies. Although the center doesn't offer family planning or birth control, it provides well-woman check-ups and referrals for other services.

Fleming hopes these changes — funded with a portion of a new \$38 health fee paid by students each semester — will bring more students to the center. Health center hours this semester are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays; and 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Fridays.

Ford supermodel Natalie Laughlin. "Eat Smart" menu specials, including salads and vegetarian items, also were featured in all campus restaurants.

Cannery Row

In July, senior Margaret Valenzuela took her second research trip to Mexico's Magdalena Bay, where she's helping marine studies professors analyze and remediate the environmental effects of a fish cannery in the area.

"The experience of working in the field showed me how scientists can see a problem and do something about it," says Valenzuela, who analyzed the causes of high levels of heavy metals in the area. "I learned that my work can result in a major improvement to the ecosystem."

Valenzuela earned one of three inaugural Alice B. Hayes Science

USD by the Numbers

Back to School

- 2,297** Number of meal plans sold during the first week of school
- 1,219** Number of incoming freshmen living on campus
- 751** Number of dorm rooms painted over the summer
- 32** Number of RAs assigned to supervise freshmen in the residence halls
- 20** Percentage of undergraduates involved in a fraternity or sorority
- 2** Average number of beds in a dorm room
- 1** Number of times a freshman is permitted to annoy his or her neighbors with loud noise before getting a stern talking to from an RA

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USD's Core Values are Focus of Major Marketing and Fund-raising Efforts

by Krystn Shrieve

From the first day of the 2004 Summer Olympics in Greece, when 4 billion viewers around the globe tuned in for the opening ceremonies, to the last day when the torch was extinguished — USD was there.

Each day, during NBC's local coverage of the Olympic games, USD was present in the form of a 30-second television spot that aired more than 70 times in the San Diego region. USD's first television commercial centered around a traditional university icon, the university sweatshirt, and a group of words derived from USD's core values — including faith, tradition, compassion, discovery, honor, hope, success and justice.

The words symbolize the heart of USD's programs. The themes expressed by the key words will continue to take center stage over the next two years, as the university launches a major marketing effort to raise the university's public profile and enters the public phase of the current \$200-million capital campaign, called Campaign for the University of San Diego.

The campaign's chief aim is to increase USD's endowment — the principal source of funding for student scholarships, new facilities, faculty chairs, centers and institutes.

Major components of the campaign are a \$22-million fund-raising goal for endowed faculty chairs, and \$76 million to fund new schools, institutes and centers, including the new Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies. The campaign also incorporates plans for a new School of Education building to be con-

structed west of Copley Library, which will include "smart classrooms" that allow professors to use a variety of teaching modes. The building will house an instructional resource center and an auditorium and lecture hall, as well as simulation classrooms equipped with a monitoring ability for demonstrating counseling and teaching scenarios.

Other fund-raising goals include increasing student scholarships and funding for additional student life opportunities, athletic scholarships and facility improvements. "USD is poised to enjoy greater success and prosperity than ever

before," says President Mary E. Lyons. "Our Olympic advertising campaign was a bold attempt to reinforce our core values to the public. As we move forward with our capital campaign, our goal is to further enhance the quality and value of a USD education. Without question, our success will depend on the generous contributions of those who believe that USD's best is yet to come."

The "University Of" television commercial aired locally in prime time and during popular events such as women's gymnastics and men's swimming. It aired the day Americans Misty May and Kerri Walsh won the gold in beach volleyball, ran the day women's wrestling made its debut as an Olympic sport and the

day one of USD's own, rower Ali Cox '01, helped the U.S. women's team claim a silver medal.

Two people featured in the commercial were political science Professor Del Dickson and junior Jordan Freitas, associated students' vice president of programming.

"Being part of the commercial was such an honor, because I feel like the university has given so much to me and it was great to give back," says Freitas.

The commercial also highlighted many USD alumni: Michael Whitmarsh '86, who won a silver medal in beach volleyball in the 1996 Olympic games; Steven Altman '86 (J.D.), executive vice president for Qualcomm, Inc.; fine arts Professor Emeritus Terry Whitcomb '53, USD's first alumna; family practitioner Dr. Thomas Kozak '86; Father Matthew Spahr '83, pastor for The Immaculata; U.S. Navy Ensign Anvy Nguyen '04; USD trustee William Jones '80, president, CEO and director of CityLink Investment Corporation; Nancy Ely-Raphel '68 (J.D.), ambassador to Slovenia; and Cay Casey '84 (M.S.N., Ph.D. '02), who works with deaf and hearing-impaired children.

"The message we were hoping for is the message the commercial captured — that USD is different and special and full of tradition and honor," Casey says. "I was proud to be part of it, not because it emphasized me as a person, but rather what I represent ... and everything I do as a nurse."

For more information about the campaign, log on to www.sandiego.edu. ♣



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EDUCATING VOTERS ONE CLICK AT A TIME



***Bridging the Political Divide
with Information, Not Rhetoric***

by Julene Snyder

When asked how he ended up with some of the most coveted domain names on the entire Internet — jobs.com, colleges.com and jokes.com among them — John Carrieri '91 seems almost sheepish. "I studied trademark law as a teen-ager," he finally admits. "I knew there was going to be a lot of value there one day."

For Carrieri, that day has come and gone; he scooped up what he describes as "the best domain names" in the mid-90s, subsequently selling jobs.com to TMP

Worldwide and jokes.com to Comedy Central. He held on to colleges.com, and still runs the wildly successful site aimed at college students.

And he's got high hopes for his latest venture, campaign.com, a site he's just launched with the hope that it will "achieve that trust factor" among voters.

"The whole purpose of the site is to educate and provide a central location for information that's relevant to individual voters," Carrieri explains. "All a visitor has to do is to put in their ZIP code and find out all the information that matters to them. Sure, the race for president is one issue, but how many people even know who their state assembly representatives are? People need to be educated about state legislation that affects voters every day."

While Carrieri admits that most of the information he's compiled on the site can be found elsewhere on the Internet, he says that few people have the time or inclination to hunt all over cyberspace and search out specifics like voting records. But with the non-partisan content on campaign.com, voters can educate themselves.

"I was amazed there wasn't a solution that met this need," he says, pointing out that large numbers of voters already go onto the Internet

to research candidates and issues. "People had to get to the point where they have sources they believe online. Now that those milestones have been met, this is clearly

the direction that political campaigns are going," says Carrieri.

In addition to providing features designed to attract visitors to the site, such as political cartoons and the latest campaign headlines, Carrieri promises nuts and bolts aimed at helping the democratic process along: "A lot of people aren't aware of it, but 48 states allow voters to register online."

A core feature of campaign.com is the ability to plug in a particular voter's ZIP code and find relevant news, get links to elected officials, peruse polls, and — what Carrieri calls most important of all — find "an unbiased and in-depth view of the issues."

campaign.com

One feature of the site is the ability to pick and choose among dozens of issues and create a page dubbed "my campaign." There, voters can find out how candidates have voted on various subjects of particular interest to them — such as civil liberties or homeland security — and keep track of the real story of politicians' actions, rather than their rhetoric.

"ULTIMATELY, WE WANT TO BE A RESOURCE FOR THE MOST INFORMED AND OPINIONATED VOTERS. WE WANT TO BRING ALL SIDES TO THE TABLE. NOT JUST TWO SIDES."

And in this particularly polarizing election year, getting information to those who remain undecided is a worthy goal indeed. Still, Carrieri isn't putting all his proverbial eggs in one basket.

"Certainly helping undecideds make up their minds would make us that much more relevant," he muses. "But ultimately, we want to be a resource for the most informed and opinionated voters. We want to bring all sides to the table. Not just two sides."

For Carrieri, who was awarded an Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award by USD's College of Arts and Sciences in 2003 — and at the age of 34 was the youngest person ever awarded that honor — the launching of campaign.com brings him nearly full-circle.

"In some ways, it's the fulfillment of my poli sci degree," he says. (Carrieri received his B.A. with a double major: history and political science.) "I got into computers early after college, went the technology/business route, but I always wanted to do something that had to do with political science."

Campaign.com will certainly help to scratch that particular itch.

"With the country so politically divided and the conversation between both sides getting so heated, this is a crucial contest," says Carrieri. "Especially after what happened with the 2000 Presidential election, people really understand how important each vote is." ♣



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Behind the Velvet Rope

Say you need to charter a flight — direct from San Diego to the Big Apple — first thing in the morning. Oh yes, and you'd like dinner reservations for 10 or 12 people tomorrow night at that hot new restaurant that was just reviewed in the *Times*. And it would be great to have a Lincoln Town Car waiting to whisk you back to your hotel afterwards.

So who you gonna call?

If Michael Daly '93 has his way, those seeking their own personal concierge need look no further than Key2Travel.com, the company founded a year and a half ago by his one-time fraternity brother, Erick Rodriguez '90. While Daly is the executive vice president of strategic partnerships at the firm, the USD contingent is in full effect company-wide, with nearly 20 grads serving as executives, advisers and investors.

Why so many? "The combination of USD as a relatively small school — and the fact that we all came from similar backgrounds — has added up to lasting friendships," explains Daly. Among the USD alums on board is Andrew ("The Bachelor") Firestone '98, who recently joined the company as a spokesperson and VIP services consultant.

But there's more of a draw than just star-power and a high concentration of alumni at key2travel.com: "We're offering a 10 percent discount on anything on the site for anyone in the USD community," Daly says. "Students, parents, faculty, staff, whomever."

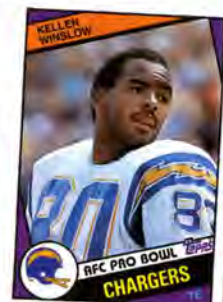
Sounds like a good excuse to book that charter flight. Why not, now that getting treated like a superstar has become quite a bit easier than achieving superstar-dom itself?

And furthermore ...

In a blend of tradition and innovation, plans are in the works to present three alumni awards — the Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award, the Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Award and the Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award — during a single fabulous evening of recognition and celebration. Dubbed the **USD Alumni Honors**, the event will take place Saturday, April 23, 2005, at the Jenny Craig Pavilion; find further information online at www.sandiego.edu/alumni.

A recent report by the *Orlando Business Journal* that National Football League Hall of Famer **Kellen Winslow** '93 (J.D.) will relocate from San Diego to Central Florida to take on the newly created role of director of planning and new event development for Disney Sports Attractions turns out to be premature. When asked for comment about his relocation, Winslow said that "things are up in the air" with the job and that he may end up staying put right here in San Diego.

Tight end Winslow rose to NFL prominence during his days with the San Diego Chargers during the "Air Coryell" years, when the team won AFC Western division championships in three consecutive years. ... **Juana Purchase** '03 was one of three recipients of a \$3,000 Cornaro Scholarship, awarded annually by Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society. Funds may be used for graduate expenses at any accredited university. While at USD, Purchase headed The Environmental Action Group and coordinated the effort to bring a native plant garden to campus to honor the memories of victims of 9/11.



AN EXCEPTIONAL ENDEAVOR

Judy Mantle Leads Special Education Into a New Era

by Michael R. Haskins

Three years ago, the School of Education's special education program was about to be reborn. An outdated curriculum had been rewritten, the requirements were updated to reflect evolving student needs, and the school was prepared to launch a new and improved era in USD's teacher education programs.

The only thing missing was a leader.

That's when Judy Mantle came on board. A veteran of education programs, with more than 30 years in the field, Mantle was recruited to guide the university's special education program to a position among the best in the country. And in three short years, that's just what she's done.

"Judy is masterful at organizing," says School of Education Dean Paula Cordeiro. "She is passionate about students with special needs, and she has formed wonderful relationships with community organizations."

Since arriving at USD in 2001 and assuming the School of Education's Deforest Strunk Chair in Special Education, Mantle has done far more than implement the new special education curriculum, which offers specialized credentials in the areas of early childhood special education, mild/moderate disabilities and moderate/severe disabilities. She built new partnerships with diverse school districts, allowing the program's student-teachers to experience varied learning environments. She created a new scholarship program that allows general education teachers, released because of budget cuts, to retrain as special education teachers. And she formed an advisory board of experts from the San Diego region to offer advice about how to make the program better.

"I was honored to come to USD, because I felt that I could empower teachers to go out into the world and make a difference," Mantle says. "In the special education field, it's so important to help teachers learn to connect and work effectively with families, because that's how the needs of the children are best served."

Because of her efforts, this year USD has doubled the number of special education student teachers and interns in the field. Working with colleagues Jerome Ammer and Katie Bishop-Smith, she facilitated a program development initiative that resulted in USD becoming the first private university in California to be accredited by the Council for Exceptional Children, the major national professional organization for special education teachers.



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Mantle's most recent coup is a just-announced partnership between USD and the John Tracy Clinic, a private, nonprofit education center that assists families of infants and preschool children with hearing losses by providing free education and assistance services worldwide. The partnership with the Los Angeles-based center will allow USD to expand its special education programs and to attract some of the best teachers in the region.

Through the partnership, the university will help facilitate the Tracy Clinic's mission to educate and offer emotional support to parents and deaf youngsters, while USD students will benefit from working with one of the most advanced centers in the world. This year, experts from the center and the university will collaborate to create a new master's curriculum in the deaf and hard-of-hearing specialty that will debut at USD in Fall 2005. In addition, clinic staff will come to USD to team-teach courses and offer guest lectures, while students will do a significant portion of their clinical work at the center.

"We are honored that the Tracy Clinic selected USD to help serve the deaf and hearing-impaired community," says Cordeiro, who worked with Mantle to create the partnership. "It shows that USD's stature in the education community has risen as a result of Judy's work."

Although she's taking a break from teaching this semester while she hammers out the details of the school's partnership with the Tracy Clinic, Mantle isn't done coming up with new ideas.

"Success, to me, is when we have school district personnel call and say they have a position and they want a USD graduate, and that does happen frequently," Mantle says. "When our students are sought out by the districts, we know we're making a difference in education." ♣

Art Attack!

There's a fine arts revolution under way at Alcalá Park — and it's going public this fall. Over the past two years, the department was reorganized, professors in new specialties such as architecture and multimedia were hired, and Camino Hall was expanded and renovated to include a new sculpture workspace, a woodworking shop, new classrooms, painting and drawing studios, and a new multimedia studio. In addition, every upper-division student artist will now be equipped with private studio space.

But the big splash comes on Nov. 5, when USD kicks off a unique conference at which urban

At the conference, historians will produce a paper on the topic of each session, while the artists will talk about an existing or proposed public art project. Of particular interest, says Smith, is the way in which Southern California's urban landscape illustrates the growing chasm between affluent gated communities and immigrant neighborhoods. Afterwards, Smith hopes to publish the discussions, proposals and papers in a book.

"For USD, the timing of a conference like this couldn't be more right," Smith says. "It's a chance to show our students and the public a new way to integrate theory and practice in the arts."



"Do Not Forget Me," an installation by conference participant Roderick Sauls of South Africa.

historians and artists will discuss the theory and practice of public art, and propose potential new public art projects. The conference, "Art and the Fragmentation of Urban Space: Gated Communities, Global Links, Non-Places," is the first of its kind at USD, and is an ambitious undertaking for the department.

"We wanted to do something other than the standard conference at which people deliver papers," says department chair David B. Smith. "This is an opportunity to get a dialogue going among theorists and practitioners, and it shows that USD has a sophisticated and important art department."

More, More, Moores

It's been quite a year for the School of Business Administration's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate. The center was renamed this spring upon receiving a \$5-million endowment gift from the Burnham Real Estate organization and John Moores, the company's co-chairman and owner of the San Diego Padres (see Summer 2004 *USD Magazine*), and was formally dedicated at a Sept. 2 celebration.

Before the paint dried on the new signs, the center got more good news. In August, just before launching a new master of science degree in real estate, the center hired Charles Tu, a finance and



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Professor Leeva Chung

investment professor from California State University, Fullerton, to teach in the new program and at the undergraduate level.

One of Tu's colleagues at the center, Elaine Worzola, also got some good news in the form of a \$91,000 grant from the Pension Real Estate Association. Worzola, the center's research director, will use the funds to work with colleagues in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, Singapore and the Netherlands to achieve a better understanding of how pension plans in those countries affect real estate investment decisions.

Stopping Culture Shock

You remember your college textbooks, right? Occasionally dull, always long, not something you'd read by choice? Communication studies Professor Leeva Chung aims to change all that with her new book, *Understanding Intercultural Communication*, which is not only a fascinating read, but a tome designed to inspire changes and knowledge that can improve your communication.

"Every day, we're all trying to negotiate our identities and understand how we react to others," says Chung, who co-wrote the book with her college mentor, Stella Ting-Toomey. "The idea was to produce a user-friendly guide to intercultural communication and to present some new ideas to the reader."

The book is geared toward students who are new to the study of intercultural communications, but its conversational style makes a neat primer for those interested in exploring what their interaction

with others says about themselves.

"After I finished my master's degree, my family pretty much refused to read my work," laughs Chung, who also teaches an ethnic studies course, "so this book is something my nephews can read."

Anyone who asks themselves, "Who am I?" or "Where do I stand?" will get something out of it."

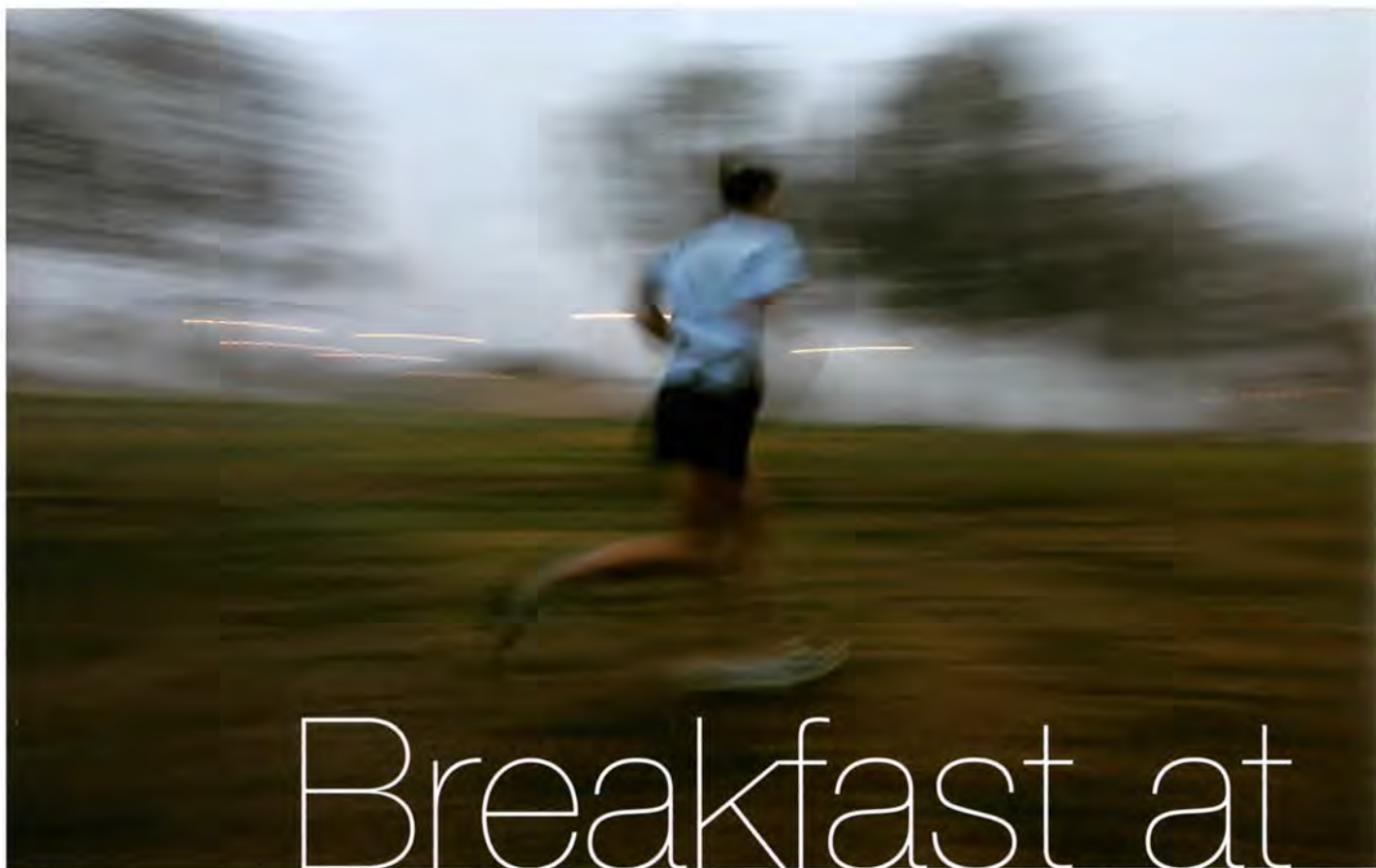
Take Us to Your Leaders

In its ever-expanding niche in the leadership arena, the School of Education this year will be the new home to the state's Community College Leadership Development Initiatives, a series of training and leadership development programs for community college officers, deans and administrators.

Elements of the program to be housed at USD include: a leadership academy for community college presidents, trustees, faculty and administrators; seminars on education policymaking and development; an executive coaching program for community college CEOs; and doctoral fellowships that allow scholars to explore current issues facing community colleges.

In preparation for the program, the School of Education hired a new faculty member who specializes in community colleges. The school's dean, Paula Cordeiro, says future initiatives within the program may include development of a graduate certificate program in Community College Leadership, establishment of a public policy action center, new research initiatives and expansion of the program to other regions through distance learning.

"This is an exciting opportunity for the School of Education to expand its leadership offerings," says Cordeiro. "It's one more example of how we can positively impact education in California."



Breakfast at Tiffanie's

For USD's Top Runner, the Finish Line is Only the Beginning

by Michael R. Haskins

Wheaties are so cliché. Tiffanie Marley eats road for breakfast. Great big chunks of it. Asphalt, dirt, grass — she eats miles and miles of it. Then she comes back and has some more for lunch. And dinner? You guessed it. Another big ol' heaping plate of road.

Marley is one of the best cross country runners in USD history. In 2003, she won five outright championships, posted the fastest 5K time in USD history, and became the first Torero to win an individual West Coast Conference championship. At the NCAA regionals last year, she placed 52nd overall in a competition against some of the nation's best runners.

It bugs her, those 51 runners in front of her, even though many were Olympic-caliber athletes. The thought of them gets her up at 5 a.m. every day, so that she can put in five or 10 miles of roadwork before heading off to class or to her on-campus job. She thinks about them when she puts in a few more miles in the afternoon and in the

evening, and during the hours she spends in the gym. They're on her mind as she does research on the side, exploring running techniques and studying methods for conquering different types of cross country courses.

Competitive? Yes, but Marley knows that's what it takes to succeed as a runner. In cross country, every course is different and no two races ever happen under the same conditions, so it's best to be ready for just about any physical challenge. At the same time, the sport is, in large part, a mental game. With few cheering crowds on hand, runners are forced to delve into themselves for the motivation to keep pushing ahead.

"If you run a strong hill, nobody sees it," she says, "but it shows at the finish."

Marley has made more than a few strong finishes. She started running cross country as a high school sophomore, when a coach suggested she switch from soccer. Although she gave up competitive

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running during her first year of college, when she attended the University of Texas on a Marine Corps ROTC scholarship, Marley trained on the side because she didn't like the idea of the guys in her unit coming out ahead of her on runs.

"I took a month off from running and didn't like it very much," says Marley, who in 2002 won the ROTC's Iron Man competition, a competition among ROTC and active-duty personnel across the southwestern United States. "I love the dedication it takes, the way it makes you find out if you can push past your comfort level and go beyond the barriers you see in front of you."

That dedication paid off when she transferred to USD in Fall 2002 to pursue a degree in education. That year, she helped the team place third in the WCC championships, and place second at both the USD Invitational and San Diego State's Aztec Invitational. Last year was her breakout season, but her WCC title may be just the beginning.

"Tiffanie has blossomed into a phenomenal runner, and she looks for anything that will provide her with an edge," says Will Guarino '89, who coaches both the men's and women's cross country teams at USD. "If she continues to train and develop the way she has so far, she could crack the NCAA finals. That's the national stage."

Marley's also come a long way as a leader. Guarino named her team captain this year, a role she cherishes. The women's team is a young one this year, and Marley is glad to not only lead by example, but to be a mentor and support system for the new crop of runners. It's good practice for her teaching career, and for her hoped-for future as a high school coach.



Tiffanie Marley won five individual championships as a sophomore in 2003-04.

for the next challenge.
"It's good to have goals," she says, "but once you reach them, you've got to keep looking ahead." ♣

"I wouldn't be a runner if my high school coach hadn't suggested I switch from soccer," she says. "I'd like to inspire someone else to run."

Although Marley will finish her undergraduate degree this year, she plans to attend graduate school at USD next year and take advantage of her final year of athletic eligibility. She doesn't have to sign on for the extra season, but no matter what she accomplishes this year, Marley will be looking



Ali Cox '01 and the Olympic women's eight rowing team.

Toreros in Athens

It might be hard to find a Greek who knows what a Torero is, but two former USD athletes transcended the language barrier with outstanding performances at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

Ali Cox '01 helped propel the U.S. women's eight rowing team to a world record in its first qualifying heat and a silver medal in the finals.

Petia Yanchulova '99 traveled to Athens and competed on behalf of her native Bulgaria in beach volleyball. Yanchulova teamed with her sister to win in the preliminary round, but the duo fell in the semi-finals to the Brazilian team, which went on to win the silver medal.

Two other USD grads also competed in Athens — kayaker Marie Mijalis '04 reached the semifinals in the four-person 500-meters event, while Sumeet Patel '99 (M.B.A.) competed in sailing for his native India.

Baseball Bound

You can call them the elite eight. All eight graduating seniors from USD's 2004 baseball team landed professional baseball contracts this summer, and six signed on with Major League Baseball teams.

Heavy hitter Josh Hansen, who boasted a .369 average in 2004, was selected by the Chicago White Sox, starting pitcher Aaron Wilson was picked by the Philadelphia Phillies, right-hander Kyle Collins went to the Cleveland Indians, and Tom Caple, a three-time First Team All WCC player, was selected by the Boston Red Sox. Shortstop Jose Ortega signed a free agent contract with the Cleveland Indians, while right-handed reliever Brian Jones was acquired as a free agent by the Chicago Cubs.

A pair of Toreros signed with independent clubs. Pitcher Pat Lucy joined the St. Paul, Minn., Saints of the Northern League,

while Illinois' Rockford Riverhawks of the Frontier League acquired Joey Prast, USD's single-season record holder in hits and doubles.

Sports Shorts

USD and adidas signed a four-year agreement, during which time the worldwide footwear and apparel company will be the official outfitter of Torero Athletics. The partnership took effect June 1 and extends through May 31, 2008. ... The **football** team is led this year by quarterback Todd Mortenson, a former Brigham Young University backup who is attending graduate school at USD while completing his final season of football eligibility. ... The **men's basketball** team earned its first appearance in the 16-team Preseason National Invitation Tournament and will face the University of Arizona Wildcats in first-round action on Nov. 16. The game will be televised on ESPN2. ... Joan O'Hara began duties this fall as the new head **women's rowing** coach. A former United States National Rowing Champion, O'Hara was the head coach at Wellesley College in Boston for the past four years.



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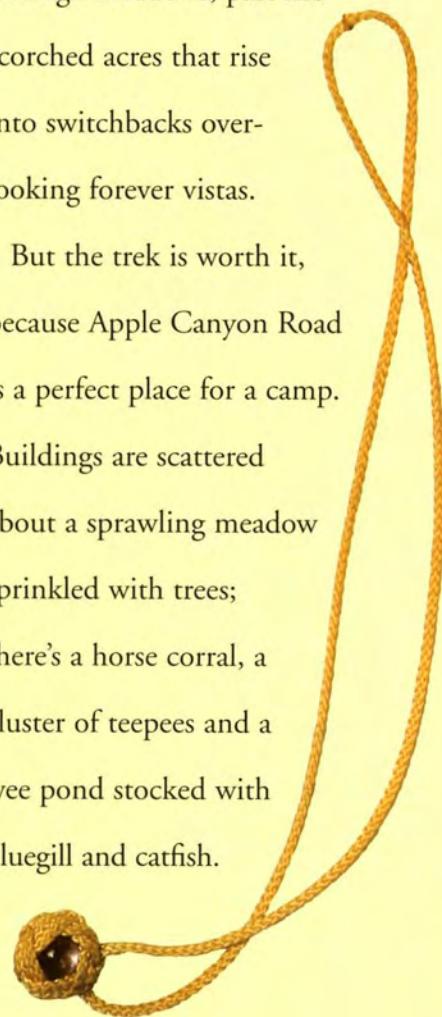
When Harish Praba '96 and Phong Vu '98 signed up to be camp counselors, they didn't know they'd get back far more than they gave.

by Julene Snyder
Photographs by Robert Burroughs

It's a long drive from USD to Apple Canyon Road, a journey that starts out on a multi-lane freeway that gives way to two-lane blacktop, meanders up hills and through meadows, past fire-scorched acres that rise into switchbacks overlooking forever vistas.

But the trek is worth it, because Apple Canyon Road is a perfect place for a camp. Buildings are scattered about a sprawling meadow sprinkled with trees; there's a horse corral, a cluster of teepees and a wee pond stocked with bluegill and catfish.

Phong Vu loves camp so much that he's come back for the last eight summers.



"We need more men. For some reason, we seem to get lots of women, but these kids need male role models. It's such a rewarding place to volunteer. When I started eight years ago, a lot of these kids were eight, and they're still coming back."

— Phong Vu

The camp is far enough from both San Diego and Los Angeles to feel like a journey, yet close enough that, in an emergency, one could be quickly whisked via helicopter to a hospital.

And at Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times, there are occasions when that helicopter is needed. This is a camp for kids with cancer, and while the mission here is to focus on the kid rather than the illness, cancer is a rapacious companion.

But on this scorching morning in mid-August, there's no need for the helicopter. The sun is shining, the thunderheads are providing spectacular formations — but just a few drops of moisture — and the shouts of elation coming from the archery course indicate that at least one happy camper has hit a bull's-eye. The sounds fit the setting as if they were scripted — and in a very real sense, they were.

When you've got more than a hundred kids attending camp, planning is essential. Each day is carefully plotted, with two-hour time slots allocated for activities like swimming, fishing, crafts and talent show preparation. Camp counselors and directors are plentiful, standing by and weigh-



Harish Praba (left) says that camp is all about ritual, as well as creating community and self-reliance.

ing whether to offer help to their young charges or to urge them to dig deep into their own resources and meet the many challenges the kids face in a given day.

Of course, compared to the stress of dealing with cancer, figuring out what to do with your fish once you've caught it is a welcome dilemma.

"When these kids come to camp, they have no expectation that they can swim or ride a horse," explains Carol Horvitz, the organization's executive director, a tiny woman who overflows with energy even when standing still. "There's a medical term, anhedonia, that means a person has lost the capacity to feel pleasure. We did a questionnaire — a depression index — before the kids went to camp, then when they left camp, and four months later."

It turns out that the kids' ability to feel pleasure and happiness lingered

months after leaving camp. While there are plenty who come back to camp year after year, not all of them are so lucky.

"For many of our kids, there is no next summer," Horvitz says.

Aces and Froggers and Bears, Oh My

There are core staff members who keep the facilities of Camp Ronald McDonald running like a well-oiled machine, but all the counselors, all the doctors, all the nurses, all the many folks that it takes to build the camp community are



volunteers. Some come back year after year. Some are cancer survivors themselves.

Although the number of volunteers for each session is high — 65 are in residence this particular week to serve 125 kids — the selection process for counselors is rigorous. While a sincere desire to make a difference is a nice trait, it's not really the most important detail about those chosen: "We want them to be fun!" Horvitz exclaims.

Clearly the screeners know what they're doing, because when it comes to infectious exuberance, USD alums Harish Praba '96 and Phong Vu '98 are fun with a capital "F." The pair, who were fraternity brothers while at USD, have been volunteering as counselors for eight years, and they're such strong advocates for the camp that they radiate near-evangelical fervor.

"Camp has its own

lingo, its own rituals, its own songs," explains Praba, between shouting hellos to the campers

and volunteers who are delighted to see him around, even though he's not working this particular session.

A key bit of camp culture is that counselors earn nicknames. A petite blond girl is Frogger. When asked how she got her name, she shrugs: "Bear gave it to me." A tattooed gent with a mohawk has been dubbed Ace; in his real life he's a sound technician for television and radio. The counselor known as Pun is renowned for his quick wit; when not quipping at camp, he's a game show producer. Throughout the day, we'll meet others: Hollywood, Dot, Moose.

While Praba never earned a nickname that stuck, he's unconcerned. It'll happen one summer. And if not, he'll just keep on being Harish. Since Vu is working as a counselor this session, he only has time for a quick hello and a wide smile before hurrying off to his next activity, promising he'll catch up with us later.

Outside at the pond, a group of kids is fishing. No one seems to be catching anything. No one seems to much care. A boy named Jesse — who's caught exactly zero fish — declares apropos of nothing: "I'm a fishing legend!" Everyone laughs.

Praba approaches a tall teen who's standing on the edge of the pond. "Hey man!



At Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times, campers range from ages 7 to 18 years old. At left, a group works on a team-building exercise.



During "quiet time," cabin mates can rest or hang out together. Above, one camper picks out a tune on his guitar.



Above, campers are learning that they need to work together to create balance — not just at camp, but in life itself.

COURAGE³



A high ratio of volunteers to campers makes for close relationships.

How you doing!" He gives him a guy-hug, the kind with three sharp pats on the back. The kid sort of hugs back, sort of keeps fishing.

"He doesn't remember me," Praba says with a shrug. "Happens."

While many of the kids look totally fine, appearances can be deceiving. Some have brain tumors, some have had surgery to remove portions of the brain, some have leukemia, some have had brutal rounds of chemotherapy and other invasive drugs that can leave the mind impaired. You can't know just by looking at them.

And if sometimes they don't remember their counselors, those are the breaks. Of course, that doesn't mean that the counselors don't remember the kids. They do. Praba grins. "It's so awesome to see how tall he's gotten!" The teen smiles, a bit tentative, and goes back to the more important business of his fishing pole.

Seeing With Your Heart

The camaraderie among the volunteers is palpable. Listening to Praba talk about his friendship with Vu, it's clear that the pair care deeply for one another.

Now friends for over a decade, the pair first met when they were in the same fraternity at USD. One day they were taking a walk through campus and came across a table in front of the University Center soliciting volunteers to work with sick kids during the summer. "Phong was short on philanthropy hours," laughs Praba. "So we both signed up." They haven't missed a summer since.

Even though Vu is getting married in 11 days and Praba has a 9 month old at home, the thought of skipping a stint at camp is unthinkable. "Sure, there's a cost to being away," says Praba. "But it's totally worth it."

It's nearly lunch time now, and Vu joins us, having finished "fun and games time" with the girls of Cabin 6. He proudly shows off the "gopher's eyes" necklaces he's been teaching the girls to make, and launches into a long, involved story when asked for an explanation of the name: "It's all about looking at the world through this eye," he says, holding up the necklace — a marble intricately wrapped in hemp — and

squinting through its murky glass. "There was this gopher, see, and he digs and digs, but he just can't see down underground — and then he realizes he needs to see the world through his heart, not his eyes."

Regardless of whether Vu is able to coherently impart the mysterious story of the gopher's eye — and its cousin, a necklace called the monkey's fist — he's a fervent believer in Camp Ronald McDonald. His camp-bestowed nickname is "Coach," a moniker that suits him perfectly, since he recently quit a lucrative job selling mutual funds to work as a physical education coach at a private school in Chula Vista. He spends his summers coaching sport camp and after-school camp, along with volunteering at least one session at cancer camp.

"I'd never go back to (sales)," he laughs. "I've found my calling. I used to hate getting up in the morning, but now every day is the best day ever."

Unlike Vu, Praba doesn't get the whole summer off; just the requisite annual few weeks. Nonetheless, he volunteers for a session every year.

"When we come back from camp, it's with a whole different attitude," Praba says. "It puts your life into perspective."

Near the mess hall, kids have congregated, a few lining up, others shooting some hoops, passing the time until the whistle is blown that means it's time to chow down. Today being T-shirt day, a lot of kids are milling about, signing one another's shirts and generally horsing around. Vu circulates, handing out necklaces, bestowing them for reasons ranging from courage to bravery to having cute braids. The children flock to him, and he responds to each one with hugs, encouragement, gentle teasing and sincere interest. When a solemn 9- or 10-year old boy walks by, Vu calls him over.

"In the spirit of courage, Justin, I want to give you this. Right there, buddy."

He slips the necklace around Justin's neck, and the boy's eyes light up. He runs off, grinning from ear to ear, to show his friends. By the time we're called to go inside the mess hall, Vu has given away all of his gopher's eyes, has signed at least a half dozen T-shirts, has kept his hat from being knocked off by one very persistent child, and has managed a quiet moment with Billy, a blind teen who runs his hands over Vu's face before giving him a back-cracking hug.



Phong Vu waits with a camper at the Med Shed, where medication is dispensed.



"This is the last year for Billy," Vu explains when he returns. "He'll be 18 soon. That guy with him is Dennis. He comes to camp every year just to help out Billy."

Over lunch, which is hearty and served family style, Vu says that there's been a shortage of male counselors at the camp the last few years.

"We need more men," he says, as he devours a grilled chicken sandwich in three huge bites. "For some reason, we seem to get lots of women, but these kids need male role models." He puts together a veggie burger and wolfs it down, apparently ravenous. "It's such a rewarding place to volunteer. When I started eight years ago, a lot of these kids were 8, and they're still coming back at age 16."

Meanwhile, Praba is being subjected to a fair amount of good-natured teasing, since he's not on staff this session.

"Come on, Harish! Shake your booty!" someone yells. And Praba, does, in fact, shake his booty.

The kids are sitting together by cabin, and the noise is downright deafening.

Periodically, tables break into song. Every few minutes, a group parades around the mess hall. The staff isn't afraid to look silly; in fact, they seem to enjoy it.

Everyone's done eating, but no one's done with lunch yet. There's lip-synching, announcements, the circulation of the lost-and-found box, more singing, and then, finally, the kids file out. There are girls with their arms around one another, blind kids with canes alongside friends who keep a light touch on their forearms, a teen deftly maneuvering her crutches through the crowd, seemingly used to the challenges of getting around with just one leg, kids wheeling their buddies out in wheelchairs and kids jumping, running and quivering from all the excitement.

In a word, fun.

Courage, Cubed

After lunch is "quiet time," and the pathways leading from one cabin to the next are all but deserted. A tour of the staff housing facilities reveals a standard of living that is, quite frankly, a little rough. The single beds

look saggy, the linoleum is chipped and there's a hint of mold in the air; this ain't no first-class hotel.

"You have to be a wonderful person to spend nine days in here," Horvitz says.

The activity room is packed floor to ceiling with shelves overflowing with everything a crafty camper could possibly want: videos and water balloons, paints and glitter, board games and beads, lanyards and shells. A jam-packed storage facility is downright silly — the ceiling is literally held together with staples.

"We own these 65 acres free and clear," Horvitz says. "We hope to build in phases."

Her face lights up as she talks about what the camp could be — will be — one day, if she's able to raise the \$17 million it's going to cost to provide the facility with a new infrastructure.

Later, it's still scorching, even though it's mid-afternoon. We're sitting on logs in

"Tonight at our closing ceremony, each camper, every counselor, writes what they want from camp for the next session. We use those Popsicle sticks to start the opening bonfire next time."

— Harish Praba



On the session's last night, counselors gather in a circle to reflect on the week's challenges.



Campers articulate their hopes and dreams for the next session of campers, an exercise that provides another layer of camp ritual.



Phong Vu imparts the mysterious technique of creating a "gopher's eye" necklace to a fascinated camper.

front of a makeshift stage; later tonight, campers will put on their end-of-session talent show here, complete with costumes and skits.

"This place is all about ritual," says Praba. "Tonight at our closing ceremony, each camper, every counselor, writes what they want from camp for the next session. We use those Popsicle sticks to start the opening bonfire next time." Sometimes the children share what they've written, sometimes they don't. It's up to them.

After quiet time is over, happy shouts ring out as campers head to various activities. A dozen boys are gathered at the Courage Course, an area dominated by a 50-foot-tower that many of the kids ultimately climb all the way to the top.

"It forces the campers to step outside of their normal comfort zones," explains Praba. "They just go until they feel like they've gone as far as they want to. Some can do it

in 30 seconds. For others, an hour."

Some of the kids are nervous. Some are hesitant. Some can't wait. The counselor urges them to take their time, be careful, and to challenge themselves.

That's what Praba has done at camp over the years.

"For the past two years, I've given up all my vacation time to come up here," he says. "I think it's my duty to contribute to my community in some way. Like a lot of USD students, I come from a privileged background. I have an obligation to give something back."

Finally, the first camper is ready to start his climb. Danny crosses himself, then starts up the tower, a seeming daredevil, pulling himself up single-handed.

"He's only able to use one hand," Vu explains as he joins us, his neck filled with a fresh batch of gopher's eye necklaces that's he's apparently made during quiet time. In a twinkling, Danny has reached the top. He lets out a yell of triumph, and pumps that one hand into a fist, punching the air over his head, once, twice, three times. He made it.

Praba and Vu shout their encouragement, and Danny's smile is wide enough to be seen all the way from the ground. When he comes down, he's caught in a crushing hug by his cabin counselor, who slaps his back enthusiastically.

"I knew you could do it, man," says Vu. "Way to go."

"Thanks, coach," says Danny. When Vu slips a gopher's eye necklace over Danny's head, the boy clutches the round marble in one fist. He radiates pride and accomplishment. "I didn't know if I could do it," he says finally. "But I just kept going, one step at a time." ♣

To see an online slide show of USD alumni and kids enjoying camp — or to learn more about Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times — go to the current issue of USD Magazine online at www.sandiego.edu/publications/usdmagazine.

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On the last night of camp, skits keep the camp community entertained with songs, costumes and a whole lot of laughter.

A class that teaches children the intricacies of playing musical spoons (above) is a highlight of the week for many campers.



Phong Vu admits that he always wears sunglasses on the last day of camp, when there are always lots of hugs and tears.



As the bus pulls away on its way down the hill to deliver campers back to their families, counselors wave goodbye for another year.

TOP SECRET



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WHETHER BEING PULLED OVER FOR “FITTING THE PROFILE” OR BEING SWORN IN AS NATIONAL CITY’S NEW CHIEF OF POLICE, THE FORCE HAS BEEN WITH ADOLFO GONZALES FOR DECADES.

by Jennifer Coburn
Photographs by Fred Greaves

When his boss told him he’d never go far because of his accent, Adolfo Gonzales ’96 (Ed.D.) didn’t get mad. He got curious.

“I never knew there was any further for me to go,” laughs National City’s new police chief. “I thought I’d be a patrol officer my whole life, but she motivated me.”

It’s been 26 years since his supervisor made that unthinking remark, and Gonzales isn’t the sort to let casual racism make him bitter — instead, the memory makes him smile. “If I saw her today, I’d thank her,” he says.

Behind the wheel of an unmarked police car, he deftly traverses the streets while talking about his ever-winding career path. The few people who glance into the car seem relieved when they notice that the driver is wearing a uniform that bears a badge. Residents here like to know there’s a strong police presence in their neighborhood, and Gonzales obliges that need for security with these daily drives. Keeping an eye on the community is part of his daily routine.

On this day, he’s en route to a school district meeting; much of his time in his new capacity as top cop — he was appointed chief in National City, Calif., just south of



National City's chief of police keeps an eye on his community with daily drives in an unmarked police car.

San Diego, in late July of this year — is spent meeting with community leaders and business people. Sadly, tragedy is the reason for the school district meeting. In the wake of a hit-and-run accident that left two school children dead, the district is seeking input from the police department to increase safety in the city, where most kids walk to school. After that meeting, Gonzales heads to his next appointment, a meet-and-greet with The Mile of Cars Business Association. The group welcomes him warmly, especially when he tells of his commitment to help reduce automotive vandalism and theft in the area.

Near lunchtime, he stops in to see his friend, Father Henry Rodrigues, at St. Jude's Shrine at the intersection of

Boston Avenue and 38th Street. (Although the parish is just on the other side of the San Diego border, many of the parishioners live a few blocks south in National City.) Along with San Diego Police Department Sgt. David Contreras and Father Rodrigues, Gonzales recently created Pueblos Unidos, an interfaith coalition of congregations, businesses and community leaders who develop strategies to reduce violence in the neighborhood. Modeled after the Black Men United program in southeast San Diego — a civic group that works on legal, social, education, health and economic issues in the black community — Gonzales sees striking parallels.

"The problems of the African-American community are similar to what Latinos face," he explains. "Low test scores, high

representation in jail populations, lower socioeconomic status and higher drop-out rates."

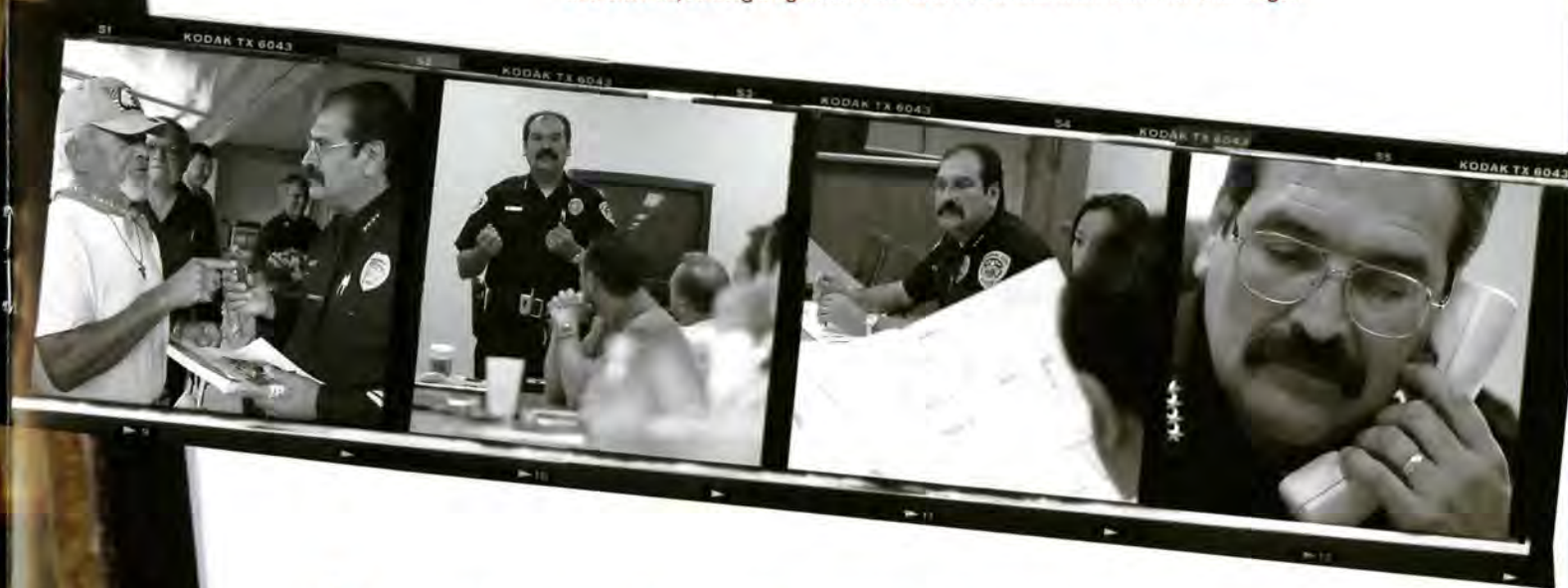
Gonzales is hoping to bring people together to combat their many common challenges by creating a coalition of congregations, businesses and community leaders to develop strategies to reduce violence in National City.

Father Rodrigues has faith in his friend. "His leadership and compassion will improve the quality of life here," he says.

FITTING THE PROFILE

Gonzales moved to the United States from Tijuana when he was just 5 years old, three years after his father was killed by a drunk driver. His desire to pursue a career in law enforcement had nothing to do with that heartbreak. Rather, being pulled

Much of Adolfo Gonzales' time is spent meeting with business people, city leaders and citizens, strategizing about how best to combat their common challenges.



AS A TEEN-AGER, GONZALES WAS CONSTANTLY SEEING BLINKING LIGHTS IN HIS REAR-VIEW MIRROR.

over time and time again by police officers in Chula Vista provided the impetus that led him to become a cop.

Gonzales recalls that when he and his brother — who's now a sergeant with the SDPD — were teens, they were constantly seeing blinking lights in their rear-view mirror. "They would chase us for no reason or say our cars were too low," Gonzales says.

When he first started as a patrol officer, a colleague recognized him, but couldn't immediately place how he knew Gonzales.

"He said, 'I remember you.'"

"I said, 'You should. You've been pulling me over for years.'"

Gonzales says he and his brother almost wound up working for the Los Angeles Police Department, but while driving north to attend the police academy, they were pulled over by the LAPD, who said the brothers "fit the description of a suspect" they were looking for. After being brought to the station and released, the

Gonzales brothers immediately turned around and came home, too disheartened to pursue a career with the LAPD.

While no doubt humiliating at the time, this development turned out to be a supremely lucky break for San Diego: Gonzales joined the SDPD as a reserve officer in 1978, hoping to change the system from the inside. In 1979 he became a sworn officer and worked his way through the ranks, becoming a captain in 1997.

Back in his unmarked police car, after the stop at St. Jude's, Gonzales continues to cruise the streets. Though today he's got a reporter riding shotgun, he often rides along with police officers; those trips give him a chance to get their take on what's going on in the community and to find out about their personal hopes and dreams. He stops when he gets to the grassy expanse of El Toyon Park, not to enjoy a bit of respite in his busy day, but to read graffiti spray-painted on a brick wall.

"Tagging is the newspaper of the street," he explains, quickly decoding black and red messages between rival gangs. "OTNC is Old Town National City. When this other tagging crew crosses it out and writes DSR, they're disrespecting OTNC. I don't

know who DSR is, so they're probably a new tagging unit trying to make a name for themselves by challenging OTNC."

It's clear that Gonzales is fluent in graffiti. Not only does he understand what tagging means, he can put it in a cultural context. He teaches a class on gang history and philosophy at Chula Vista's Southwestern College, where he also offers a class on crowd control. The courses are primarily aimed at those pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

"In Southern California, some gangs go back several generations," he points out. "There is love, camaraderie and a sense of family in gangs, but the flip side is the violence, drug abuse and self-destruction."

He should know. His understanding of gang life doesn't come from academics. Having spent his childhood in the South Bay, Gonzales grew up watching several of his friends become all-too-frequent guests at juvenile hall.

"Everyone I hung around with was somehow related to gangs. My best friend Johnny got kicked out of junior high school for fighting," he recalls.

While Gonzales admits he got into more than a few skirmishes, he never joined a gang. Happily, many of his friends who were once on the wrong side of the law eventually turned their lives around and are now in law enforcement or the fire department. He and his brother are the



FLUENT IN GRAFFITI, CHIEF GONZALES UNDERSTANDS WHAT TAGGING MEANS AND PUTS IT IN A CULTURAL CONTEXT.

only two in the Gonzales clan who work in law enforcement.

"It's only by the grace of God that I didn't end up in a gang," he says. "Plus, I didn't want to embarrass my mother."

PAYING THE DUES

Throughout his 25 years on the force, Gonzales has steadily been promoted, rising through the ranks. This July, he reached an impressive milestone: He became the highest ranking Latino police officer in San Diego County and the first Latino chief of police in the history of National City.

The road to the top took perseverance: While serving on the San Diego police force, Gonzales attended school at night, earning a bachelor's in public administration from National University and a master's in education from San Diego State University. He earned his doctorate in leadership science from USD in 1996. It wasn't easy.

"It took six years and many sacrifices to graduate from USD," he says, describing his rigorous schedule. "I went straight from work to school and missed a lot of dinners and family events. When we went to the supermarket, I brought my books and read them as my family put groceries in the cart. Sometimes when they went shopping, I'd sit in the parking lot and write papers and study."

Immediately after graduating from USD, Gonzales was chosen to attend the highly competitive FBI National Academy and the Center for Creative Leadership in Washington, D.C.

"I know if I hadn't been a USD grad, I wouldn't have been selected to participate," says Gonzales. "I chose USD because of its excellent reputation; it prepared me to be the chief of police in today's law enforcement. The school has given me so much that I cannot repay everything I've learned."

Selected from a nationwide pool of 27 applicants, Gonzales was hired by National City Mayor Nick Inzunza and City Manager Chris Zapata after having served for nearly three years as assistant chief of police of the SDPD. The unusually open process included three panel interviews and a community forum.

It's likely that his deep roots in the community clinched the deal. "People would call me when there was a warrant out for their arrest and say they'd rather turn themselves in to me, so we made an appointment," says Gonzales. "They knew I would treat them with respect, and they respected me."

BIG PLANS, BIGGER HEART

SDPD Sgt. David Contreras wasn't surprised when 250 police personnel and community members stood in the hot

mid-summer sun this year, waiting to pay tribute to Gonzales on his last day of work for the SDPD before taking over as National City chief of police. Contreras calls it a demonstration of "the love the police and community have for him."

And he cares deeply for those he works with as well. Not only does Gonzales have relationships with business owners, city leaders and pastors in the community, after just three weeks at his new job, he already knows the names of the 133 employees at the National City Police Department, ranging from the 87 officers to the custodian.

He's a man who tends to earn respect as a matter of course. In a recent interview with the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, National City's city manager commented that during the interview process Gonzales already had devised a five-year plan to enhance police services, with a primary objective of reducing crime among National City's 59,000 residents. His other main goal is to improve the image and reputation of the police department.

"Historically, the city has been understaffed," says Gonzales. "This means we haven't been as accessible to the media as we should. It's important to get the word out about what the police are doing, instead of having people rely on rumors. If the department doesn't share with the media, it looks like we're hiding something. My goal is to open the department."

Throwing the doors of the police station wide open and making sure light hits every corner is a worthy goal, but Gonzales tries to open up his heart as well. Toward that end, he mentors a 13-year-old boy through the San Diego Teen Choice Program; and surely Gonzales' soft, inviting voice helps put

The chief tries to interact with many different segments of the public, including citizens and other law enforcement officers.

David at ease. When the middle school student was caught in possession of marijuana, Gonzales committed to this volunteer role, which includes outings, academic tutoring and the occasional surprise, such as the Christmas tree he bought the family last year.

At first, he didn't tell David and his family that he was in law enforcement, and avoided showing up at school or the boy's home in his police uniform.

"People would start to think that the kid is always in trouble with the law," Gonzales laughs. "But one day the parents saw me on television and asked if I was a police officer. When they found out I was the assistant chief of police of the SDPD, they said they were honored that I'd take the time to mentor their son."

Gonzales has a soft spot for kids; wit-

ness the more than 500 teddy bears his department has collected for Children's Hospital. He says he's constantly impressed with the generosity of the department and community. For example, in July, 52 residents lost their homes in an electrical fire at an apartment on 18th Street.

"Everyone pulled together," says Gonzales, "from the property owner who helped find the residents new homes to the firefighters and police officers who got donations for the kids from KB Toys, Disney and Toys, 'R' Us." The police and fire departments also hosted a celebration at Plaza Bonita Shopping Center, where kids got to play on a fire engine. Of course, it's not just kids who benefit from Gonzales' compassion. He's currently looking for creative ways to make housing more affordable for police officers in National City.

"I have officers who can't afford to live in San Diego or National City; they drive in from Temecula and Hemet," says the chief, who commutes from nearby Chula Vista, where he lives with his family. "I'd like to help establish low-interest loans for

officers to encourage them to live closer to where they serve."

He looks back on his career with few regrets, which isn't necessarily true for those who've worked with him over the years. Cheryl Merritt, intermediate stenographer for the SDPD, says her department's loss is truly National City's gain.

"He's a kind and caring person who stands up for what he believes and listens to all who come to him for advice," she says. "The SDPD lost a great asset when he left to be chief of police for National City."

It's been more than two decades since Gonzales' first supervisor told him he'd never go far. Though she subsequently was dismissed from the department, he doesn't derive any satisfaction from her downfall.

"If I saw her today, I'd thank her for motivating me," he says with great sincerity. "I hope she's worked out her problems, because there aren't many women in law enforcement. We could use some more role models." ♣

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At the scene of a fire, Gonzales provides information to a concerned member of the community.







FIVE DEGREES OF EXPECTATION

A QUINTET OF FRESHMEN HELP US REMEMBER HOW IT FEELS TO BE BRAND NEW

by Krystn Shrieve and Julene Snyder
Photographs by Tim Mantoani

It's not surprising that the five freshmen we've selected to follow over the next four years are unsure what to expect — after all, they've only just arrived at Alcalá Park. But one thing they do know is that they're excited to be at USD.

In this first installment of a multi-year project that will follow these students through their academic careers, we introduce to you Brianne Butler, Carmen Gonzalez, Kendra Hoffman-Curry, Marco Martinez and Matt Rutz, five members of the University of San Diego's Class of 2008.

Selected with help from the admissions office, we brought our fab five together on the very first morning of classes. Within minutes, they were giggling among themselves and chatting like old friends. Ah, youth.

While their campus life experiences were extremely limited — after all, they'd been here less than a week — their enthusiasm and hope was boundless. We congregated in the front lobby of Founders Hall, taking over the room for interviews and photos. We kept things interesting by asking each student to choose a random slip of paper from a coffee mug and answer — off the tops of their heads — selections from a batch of 20 questions we'd formulated.

Inspired by the "Proust Questionnaire" (popularized in recent years by *Vanity Fair*), these questions are intended to provide an unvarnished glimpse into the psyche of the students — or at least to remind our readers how very fluid tastes and opinions can be when one is 18 years old and away from home for the first time.

So join us in welcoming these five fresh-faced students to our pages. We hope to have them back every fall as they progress through their higher education and emerge — hopefully unscathed — with minds filled with knowledge and diploma in hand.

A close-up portrait of a young woman with dark hair, smiling slightly, against a warm yellow background. The portrait is framed by a white border.

CARMEN

AGE: 18

GONZALEZ

"When I moved to the United States, I tried not to change myself. I didn't want to leave everything behind; I wanted to keep the culture and the traditions. It wasn't always easy."

Q&A

Hometown: Laguna Hills, Calif. (via Ahualulco, Mexico).

Siblings: Two younger brothers, three older sisters.

Pet: One (nameless) parakeet.

Major: Liberal Arts.

Residence hall:

Founders Hall.

Fall courses: Intro to Psychology, College Algebra, College Writing, Music Composition, World History.

Guilty pleasure:

Chocolate.

Can't live without:

"My family and my music."

One-liner: "If you do things wrong, you have to do them more than once."

Say what? "My Dad says it all the time."



Just Three Questions:

Q: Who is your favorite musician?

A: Ricardo Arjona.

Q: Who is your favorite idol?

A: Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz. She's a Mexican nun and poet.

Q: What is it you most dislike?

A: People who judge you without knowing you.

There's a solemnity about Carmen Gonzalez that makes her sudden smile all the more precious. Though diminutive, she projects both a sense of strength and ironclad determination, traits that have served her well for her first 18 years. Born in the small town of Ahualulco, outside of Guadalajara in the state of Jalisco, Mexico, Gonzalez never thought she'd attend university due to economic hardship in her family. Even so, when her father — who'd been working north of the border for years — decided to move the family to Laguna Hills six years ago, Gonzalez wasn't initially thrilled.

"At first I was mad that they didn't ask me if I wanted to come here," she recalls. "I didn't know any English at all, and it was hard."

But as her current fluency attests, she picked up English quickly. By the time she was a freshman in high school, she was a regular in her guidance counselor's office and soon became active in a variety of activities: Gonzalez was a member of the Spanish club, the Key Club, the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation.

It's not surprising that the counselor urged Gonzalez to go to college. When a USD scholarship opportunity crossed the woman's desk, she immediately thought of Gonzalez and pushed her to apply.

"I was so happy when I got it," Gonzalez recalls, flashing one of her rare, incandescent smiles. "I would get really lost in a larger school, so USD is perfect for me."

To pay for her education, she applied for, and received, three other scholarships — along with a Cal Grant. She also got a part-time job in Copley Library.

Her challenges and life experiences have helped Gonzalez hone in on her goals: Ultimately, she wants to teach elementary school in a bilingual setting. "It inspires me to see immigrants looking for a better life," she says.

Perhaps the hardest thing about leaving home for college is the lack of daily proximity to her family; she's especially worried about her two little brothers, ages 9 and 12.

"I guess they'll just have to learn to do their homework on their own," she says ruefully. "Without me there to nag them, they'll have to."

Just Three Questions:

Q: What is the quality you most like in a woman?

A: The ability to hold a conversation.

Q: How would you like to die?

A: As an old man in my sleep.

Q: What is your most significant character flaw?

A: I'm very, very picky. I have a lot of pet peeves about small things. Like I might rule a gorgeous girl out if she was too ditzy.

College is a time to learn about math, science and literature. But for Matt Rutz, it's also a time to learn about laundry. Does a gray T-shirt go in the light or dark load? Which clothes need hot water? And is there such a thing as too much fabric softener?

"My mom was always kind enough to do my laundry for me. It didn't hit me until I dragged my clothes to the washing machine that I had no idea how to do it," Rutz says. "We were on the phone for 30 minutes while she talked me through it. I wrote it all down, so hopefully I'll remember everything the next time around."

His mom was not only happy to tele-teach Rutz about the laws of laundry, she also was gracious enough to join him for the four-day road trip to USD from Highland, Ill., just 30 minutes outside St. Louis.

The mother and son packed his belongings into a new black Ford Explorer — purchased just one day before the big trip — and hit the road. They drove through the Ozarks of Arkansas and torrential rains in Missouri. They visited his mother's college roommate in Albuquerque, N.M., and had dinner at a favorite family restaurant called Houston's in Phoenix, where Rutz's father joined them for the final leg of the journey.

Rutz, who grew up in a small town of 8,600 people and knew everyone at his high school, always planned to go to college in Southern California.

"I wanted to get away from my hometown for a while," Rutz says. "I can't wait to hit the beach. I want to learn how to surf and try my hand at beach volleyball."

Rutz ran cross country and track in high school, wrote for the student newspaper and was a member of the National Honor Society, the Business Professionals of America and Lifesavers, an organization that teaches students how to make the right decisions in life.

When it came to picking a university, Rutz is confident that he made the right decision.

"I looked into it heavily before applying, and everything is just as I thought it would be, if not better," Rutz says. "I can't wait to see what the future holds for me."

Q&A

Hometown: Highland, Ill.

Siblings: One older brother.

Pet: Biscuit, a 16-year-old Lhasa

Apso British watchdog with liver and lung cancer.

Major: Chemistry with an emphasis in biochemistry.

Residence hall:

Maier Hall.

Fall courses:

Calculus I, Chemistry, Biology and Spanish II.

Guilty pleasure:

Fresh peanut butter cookies.

Can't live without:

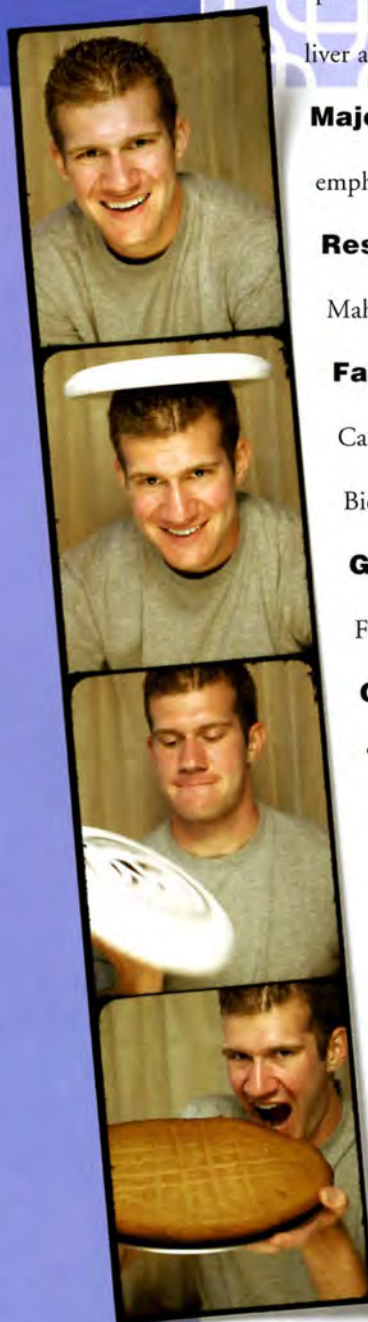
"Family, friends and boatloads of water."

One-liner: "The harder

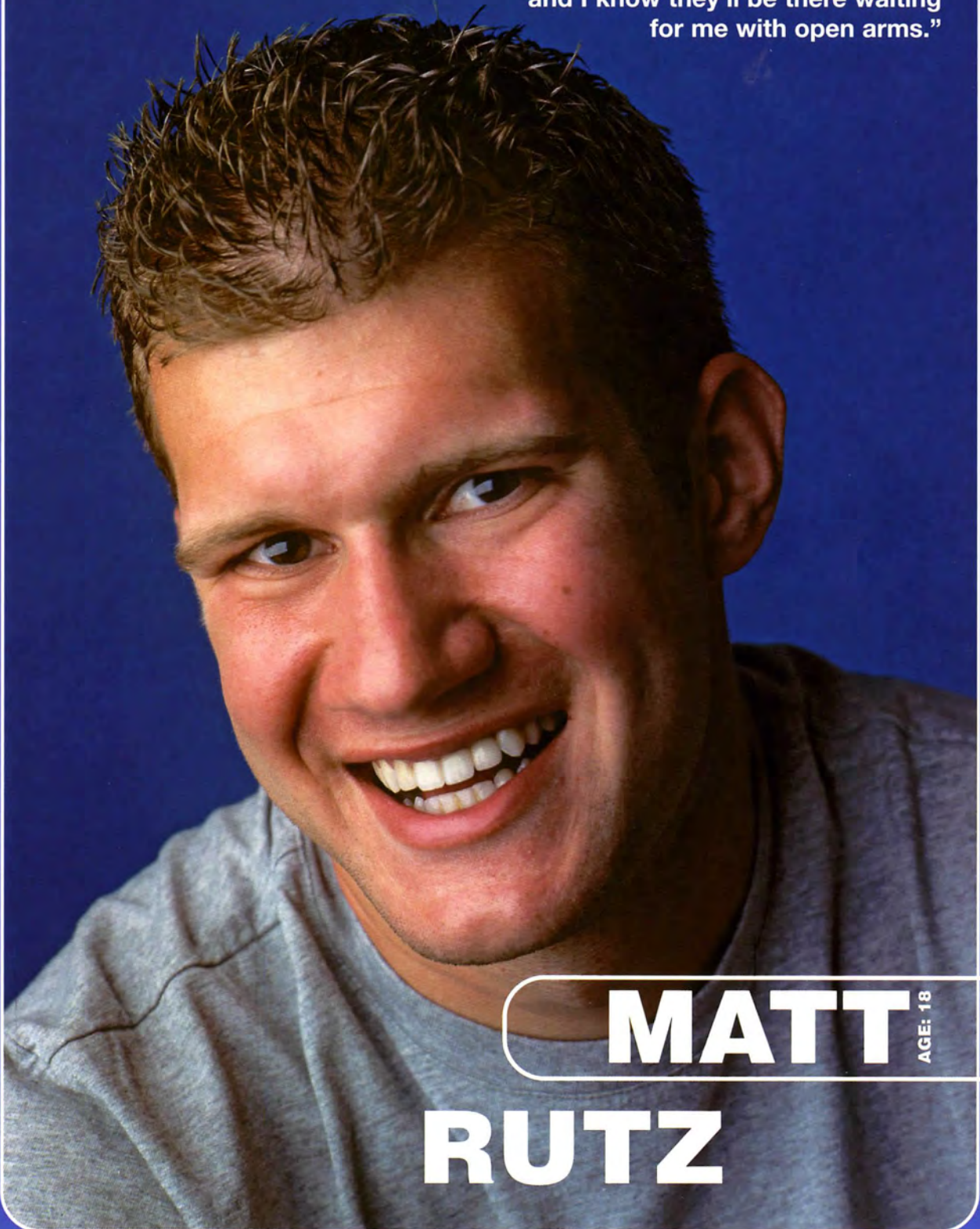
I work, the luckier I get."

Say what?

"Benjamin Franklin said something like that, and I've lived with that idea since my freshman year of high school."



"I'll miss my family and friends, but
I'll be back home for Christmas
and I know they'll be there waiting
for me with open arms."



MATT AGE: 18
RUTZ

A close-up portrait of a young woman with long, light brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. The background is a solid, vibrant green. The portrait is framed by a white border with rounded corners.

BRIANNE

AGE: 18

BUTLER

**"I love the weather here in San Diego,
but it'll be great when it rains because
it will remind me of home."**

Hometown: Mukilteo, Wash.

Siblings: One older brother.

Pet: Gonzo, the craziest cat at the pound.

Major: Biology.

Residence hall:

Founders Hall.

Fall courses: Christianity and

its Practices, Calculus, Biology,

American Politics, Spanish IV.

Guilty pleasure:

Circus animal cookies.

Can't live without: "I'm

addicted to my cell phone, I'm on

my computer practically 24-7

and love to shop at the mall."

One-liner: "Life is about

the moments. It isn't about

the breaths we take, it's about

the moments that take our

breath away."

Say what? "I found it

on a Web site, and it's

become my motto for life.

It helps me remember not

to sweat the small stuff."

Q&A

Just Three Questions:

Q: Who are your heroes in real life?

A: My former dance teacher, Mindy, and my grandma. She's been through a lot; she's such a sweetheart, and she's done so much for our family.

Q: What natural gift would you like to possess?

A: The ability to be more artistic. I can barely draw stick figures.

Q: Which historical figure do you most despise?

A: Napoleon. He wanted too much.

Brianne Butler packed her whole life in three suitcases — one for clothes, one for bed and bath supplies, another for miscellaneous items — and flew, by herself, from her small town of Mukilteo, Wash., to USD, where she didn't know a soul.

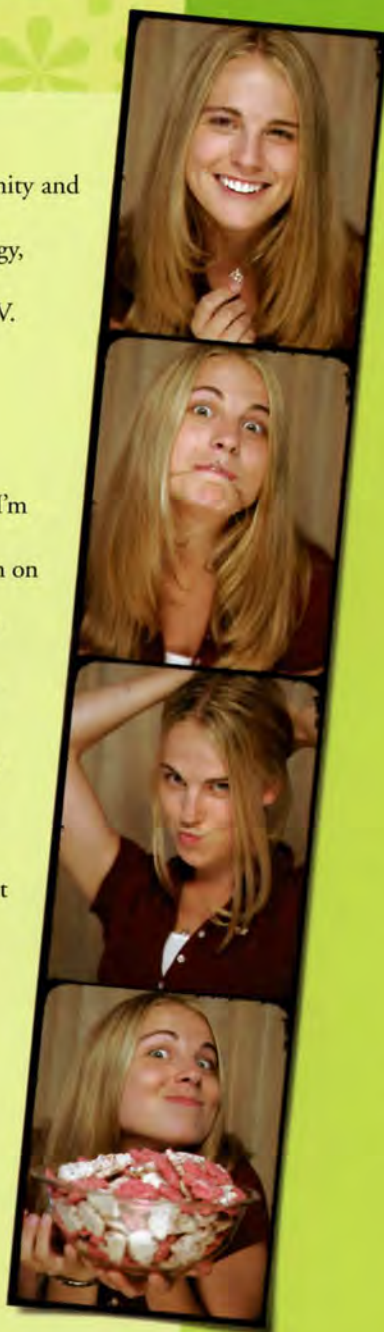
Despite a bumpy flight and a few butterflies in her belly, Butler, known as "Bri" (pronounced "Bree") to her friends, was more excited than scared about her journey to a new city and a whole new life.

"It was always my plan to go away to college," Butler says. "I'll miss my friends and family dearly, but I know I'll meet great people here."

Not one to just dip her toe in to test the waters, she plunged head first into her role as college freshman. She became fast friends with her roommates, won \$5,000 in funny money during an orientation week Casino Night and applied to be a student ambassador. She quickly filled her schedule with 16 units and a part-time work-study job in the housing office. She also plans to try out for cheerleading.

A jam-packed schedule is nothing new to Butler. In high school, she was a student government representative, orientation leader, Special Olympics volunteer, a cheerleader and Key Club member, as well as a straight-A student. She also was a dedicated Girl Scout and one of only 25 girls in her state to win a Gold Award, the organization's highest honor.

"I can't wait to get involved at USD," says Butler, as she lifts her face toward the sky to soak in the bright sunlight, still a novelty to the recent Washington state transplant, whose small town is only 25 minutes outside Seattle. "I love the weather, the small class sizes and the proximity to Mexico. I might minor in Spanish, so I want to find out more about some of USD's border programs. Eventually I'd like to become a dentist, start my own practice and travel to Third-World countries where their sometimes poor nutrition means they have a lot of dental needs."



Just Three Questions:

Q: What is your dream of happiness?

A: To change the world.

Q: What is your favorite television show?

A: "Smallville," because I really relate to superheroes and Superman is the superhero I want to be the most.

Q: What is your present state of mind?

A: Determined.

Marco Martinez was heading back to his dorm room after his first college class — calculus, for those keeping track at home — when we shanghaied him into dropping everything and becoming one of our five freshmen. (Another student unexpectedly had to drop out of the project at the last minute.)

"Sure, why not? I wasn't doing anything right now," he says with a sleepy smile, "except maybe to head back to my room and take a nap."

Forgoing that simple pleasure for at least a few hours, Martinez was game to talk about his life and how he came to USD.

"I didn't know anyone when I got here," he says. "But I met a lot of people at orientation, and I sure do now."

It's been less than a week since he arrived in San Diego from Tucson, Ariz., where he went to high school. He insists that playing sports is his guilty pleasure, even though most of us would consider that particular obsession a virtue.

"For me, sports are a recharge. I play a lot of basketball and volleyball, but it's soccer and tennis that I love the most," he says. "Sports are a way of motivating me to work harder on the things that really matter."

Martinez grew up in Nogales, Mexico, a town across the border and about an hour away from Tucson. His father owns a chain of grocery stores, and Martinez worked in them from the time he was 4 until he went to Tucson, where he lived with an older cousin while he went to high school. In high school, Martinez swam and played tennis, soccer and football. He also was involved in Kairos, an annual spiritual retreat held at his school.

Though he'd only been on campus once before, he's sure that USD is the right choice for him. An older cousin graduated last year with a degree in international relations. That success, at least in part, led Marco to follow in his footsteps. And now he's the one who's inspiring the younger set.

"All my brothers and sisters want to come here now," he laughs. "We'll see."

Q&A

Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.

(via Nogales, Mexico).

Siblings: Two brothers and two sisters.

Pet: A dog named Dino.

Major: Business.

Residence hall:

Mahe Hall.

Fall courses:

Intro to Micro Economics,

Calculus I, French II, Intro to

Anthropology, World History,

Advanced Salsa.

Guilty pleasures:

Tennis and soccer.

Can't live without:

"My religion. I'm a strong Catholic, and it's a big part of who I am."

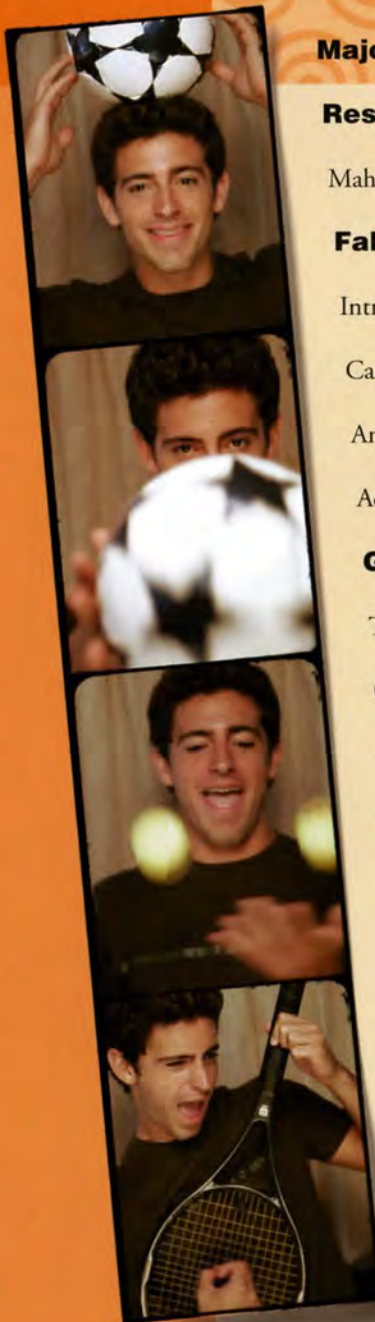
One-liner: "Dream

like you'll live forever and live like you'll die today."

Say what?

"I saw that on a James Dean poster, and this year wrote it all over

my notebooks as a constant reminder."



A close-up portrait of a young man with dark, wavy hair and a slight smile, looking directly at the camera. The background is a solid orange color. The portrait is framed by a white border.

MARCO MARTINEZ

AGE: 18

"After I graduate? Maybe I'll go to grad school.
Maybe I'll go straight to work. I do know that one
day I want to own my own business."

A close-up portrait of a young woman with dark hair and light skin, looking slightly to the left. The background is a solid red color. The portrait is framed by a white border.

KENDRA

AGE: 18

HOFFMAN-CURRY

"My first day here, I went to Mission Crossroads to pick up my orientation packet. I asked another student which line she was in and she turned out to be my roommate. She recognized my voice because we had talked on the phone. Since that first day we've been close."

Hometown: Santa Barbara, Calif.

Siblings: None.

Pet: Shyguy, a Japanese Chin, rescued from the pound.

Major: Education.

Residence hall: Missions B.

Fall courses: Physics,

World Religions, Intro to Logic,

English Literature in Violent

Times, Fitness Hip Hop.

Guilty pleasure: Shopping.

Can't live without:

"My friends, my mom, my dog and people. I couldn't ever live without lots of people around."

One-liner: "In the end, everything will be OK — and if it's not OK, it's not the end."

Say what? "This was a quote on my best friend's refrigerator, and I've been living by it for the last four years."

Q&A

Just Three Questions:

Q: What quality do you most like in a man?

A: Honesty and communication skills.

Q: What is it you most dislike?

A: Discrimination.

Q: In what city would you like to live?

A: I want to live in Santa Barbara for the rest of my life, but I would like to spend a few years in Vancouver, Canada.

The daughter of a dog groomer — who, because of her mother's soft heart, shared her home with eight dogs — Kendra Hoffman-Curry is thrilled that she didn't have to bring her lint brush to USD.

It's a funny thought that crossed her mind as she unpacked in her new residence hall. Once her boxes had been emptied, she saw how different her side of the room looked from her roommate's.

"Her stuff is white and orderly, and my stuff is very colorful — tie-dye blankets and bright pink pillows," Hoffman-Curry says. "Plus, I'm a compulsive clutter queen and, of course, I brought it all. Just like at home."

One of the reasons Hoffman-Curry chose USD is because it's small. But on the first day of school, when it took her 20 minutes to walk from her residence hall to her 7 a.m. physics class on the west end of campus, she realized just how big the campus is. She'll get used to the distance and the morning schedule. It helps that she's no stranger to rising early — her summer job started at 6:50 a.m. So while she's not dropping her crack-of-dawn class, she might replace another class with something a little lighter.

"I tend to take on too much and risk overwhelming myself," Hoffman-Curry says. "In high school, I was a student body secretary and involved in the anti-defamation league, which teaches high-schoolers about the dangers of discrimination."

She also worked part time, was the executive producer for a weekly television program at her school and traveled to 14 countries, including nine while she was a student ambassador in the People to People program, which sends students overseas to learn about other countries while representing their own.

In part because of her own amazing experiences in high school, Hoffman-Curry plans to teach at that level.

"High school is an important time in life," she says. "It can make you or break you. I've had amazing teachers who changed my life, and I hope I can be that teacher for other students someday." ♦





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Class Notes

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1960s

1962

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Peter Palermo (J.D.) and the rest of the USD law school celebrated the 42nd anniversary of the first full-time day class; he simultaneously celebrated 40 years of practice. For 39 of those years, he has been with the same firm and now is senior partner specializing in estate planning, trusts, probate and tax.

1965

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

John Horvatic writes that he currently lives with wife Pat in the "Northeast Kingdom of Vermont," where he is pursuing a new career as a gentleman farmer. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1986 and from Boeing in 1999.

1968

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Sidney Glick (J.D.) earned an LL.M. degree from Case Western Reserve University.

1969

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Bob Brower (M.Ed. '74) is proud to announce that son **Matt Brower '03 (J.D.)** graduated cum laude from USD's School of Law and passed the California State Bar exam. Matt married Erica Prager on May 29 and is awaiting orders for active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps.



1970s

1970

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Michael Miller Sr. married Lizbeth Aleman, a retired USD employee, in June 2001. Michael has three adult children and one 14-year-old granddaughter.

1971

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Federico Castro (J.D.) is retired and sitting by assignment as a superior court judge.

1973

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

M. Daniel Markoff (J.D.) specializes in trial and appellate litigation, arguing cases ranging from state courts to the U.S. Supreme Court. He spends time restoring and flying airplanes. Additionally, he has restored — and operates — a steam locomotive built in 1875.

1974

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

After litigating everything from divorces to oil field disputes, **Kenneth Goodwin** (J.D.) handles cases involving engineering work and flood damage. He practices in New Orleans — which he reports receives 60 to 100 inches of rain a year — where negligently designed or maintained construction site drainage often causes flooding affecting thousands of people. He will turn 60 this year and is planning to retire from the law in two or three years. ... **Janis (Pogalies) Stocks** (J.D.) was elected as the 2004-2005 president of the



Bob Gaglione Cuts Through the Legalese with "Independent Counsel" Radio Show



Imagine the sheer satisfaction of testing your most demanding professors with a live, on-the-air pop quiz. Talk about a dream come true. In a way, that's what Bob Gaglione '84 (J.D.) does with his "Independent Counsel" radio show.

"It's been outstanding to get to work with some of my former law professors," he laughs. "It's so refreshing to get to ask the questions rather than being asked."

Gaglione — who heads the Gaglione Law Group, a civil

litigation and real estate firm — happened into radio almost by accident back in 1997. He'd just left a big law firm and joined Primerus, an organization of small lawyers and solo practitioners that's sworn to uphold "the highest standards of integrity and civility."

It turns out that it's also a great place to network. Through Primerus, Gaglione connected with attorney Bill Nimmo, who did media commentary on the O.J. Simpson case and was the original



Attorney Scott Dreher, Bob Gaglione, acclaimed trial lawyer Gerry Spence and Camm & Associates president Cheryl Mitchell.

While "Independent Counsel" is a call-in show, Gaglione insists it's not an advice show.

"There are legal issues involved," he points out, adding that he's heard of cases in which people allege an attorney/client relationship on the basis of a single phone call.

Although he's comfortable chatting up colleagues in the legal arena, one of the most memorable days he spent on the radio didn't actually involve the law.

"It was the morning that JFK Jr.'s plane was missing," Gaglione recalls. "They told me the show was going to be pre-empted, but since there was no news anchor available, they asked me to sit in."

"That was a fascinating experience. I got to see how good a job anchors do when they handle breaking stories so professionally."

So does Gaglione ever wonder if he went into the wrong line of work? Not really. But he does admit to a little secret: "As a kid growing up, I always wanted to be a journalist," he confesses. "Doing this is a surprise. The fact that I love it so much is not."

While "Independent Counsel" most recently aired on KCBQ 1170 AM, the show is on hiatus — for now. Although Gaglione opted to take a break from the show due to a heavy workload, he says he's eager to get back on the San Diego airwaves.

And until then? Well, there's always Judge Judy.

— *Julene Snyder*

host of "Independent Counsel" (then known as the "Primerus Law Hour") on San Diego's KOGO 600.

"Basically it was a group of lawyers talking about legal and news issues," recalls Gaglione. "I was the co-host, then after a while, (Nimmo) turned it over to me."

Gaglione is particularly proud that guests on the show appear pro

bono, giving up their weekend time to serve the public good. With over 200 shows under his belt, choosing favorites might seem difficult. But when asked, he whips out a scrapbook filled with snapshots of himself with guests, and thumbs through it.

"When I interviewed Ralph Nader, it was taped at USD," he recalls. "He was a giant in the legal profession. I so admired him as a kid growing up. Getting to meet him was an extraordinary experience."

Other favorites include Joan Embry — one-time media spokeswoman for the San Diego Zoo — political cartoonist Steve Kelley and Dick Murphy, who at the time of his appearance was a candidate for mayor of San Diego. Perhaps unsurprisingly, certain topics tended to



City Attorney Casey Gwinn alongside local defense attorney Bill Nimmo and Bob Gaglione.

keep the phone lines lit up.

"When President Clinton was in office, most of the time we were on the air, we'd deal with incredibly polarized opinions," says Gaglione. "And for some reason, whenever we'd have local judges on, people always called in to discuss their jury service. Apparently, it's a hot topic."



Bob Gaglione, consumer advocate Ralph Nader, Al Ferris and Fred Schenk '78 (J.D.)

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Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She also serves on the board of directors of the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program.

1975

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Charles Byler (J.D.) was assigned to the Legal Instruction Section of the Drug Enforcement Agency, where he provides legal instruction to basic research specialists. He reports that wife Donna is retired and loving it. ... **Bruce Ginsburg** (J.D.) was re-elected to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association. He adds that son Aaron moved to Los Angeles to work in the entertainment field and now is a manager at Quattromedia. ... **Josephine Kiernan** (J.D.) became director of training for the San Diego District Attorney's office in April 2003. ... **John Little** (J.D.) received two outstanding trial lawyer awards in September from the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego.

1976

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Lilia Garcia (J.D. '81) is president of La Raza Lawyers for 2004.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Donald Christensen (J.D.) completed a one-year term as president of the Washoe County Bar Association in June. He and **Bob Eisenberg '76** (J.D.) have been the attorney coaches for the Reno High School mock trial team for six years, which has been state champion twice in that time. Donald reports seeing **Brett Goodson '76** (J.D.), the attorney coach for the Ohio state champion team, in May 2003.

1977

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Christine Bologna (J.D.) and **John LaRocco '77** (J.D.) report that twins Lauren and Jeffrey are 8 years old and entering third grade. Christine has volunteered in their classroom and served as room parent. She telecommutes one day a week and calls her employer, the California State Personnel Board, "truly a pro-family employer." ... **Nancy Schons** (J.D.) sends "kisses to my '77 law school classmates!"

1978

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Virginia (Ortega) Baker is participating in a clinical study of hybrid cochlear implants through the House Ear Clinic. The two-year study examines the use of implants to supplement hearing aids rather than replace them.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Mark Bonenfant (J.D.) has been a partner at Buchalter, Nemer, Fields and Younger, a 150-person law firm, since 1986. He chairs the corporate/business practice group there and also is an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California Law School, where he teaches a course on securities regulation.

1979

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Irma (Poole) Asberry (J.D.) was the 2003-2004 co-chair of the Riverside County Bar Association Family Law Section. She also has been a coordinator and panelist in pre-marital seminars since 1995. ... **Ruth (Fritsch) Hargrove** (J.D.) has been a professor of legal writing at California Western School of Law in San Diego for the past five years. She has two sons, ages 11 and 13. Her husband recently returned to his day job after two years of active duty as a U.S. Navy Seal following the 9/11 attacks. ... **James Lewis** (J.D.) recently remarried and moved to the country, where he raises horses. He is a principal in a start-up technology company and is involved in various venture capital endeavors as well as his commercial law practice.



1980

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

David Skelton (J.D., LL.M. '85) was appointed in 1990 as a Chapter 13 bankruptcy trustee for the southern district of California. He administers about 2,000 active cases.

1982

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Janine (Deighan) Fagan (M.B.A. '86) and **John Fagan** are again living in Southern California.

The couple have three daughters: Caitlin, 15; Kelsey, 14; and Kara, 8. Jeanine is an oncology specialist in the pharmaceutical industry and John has a solo medical practice in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. ... Rev. **Ralph Partida** walked the more than 500-mile pilgrimage of Camino de Santiago, across northern Spain, in October 2002 and again in Summer 2003.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Since law school, **Cheryl Brierton** (J.D.) has secured funding for a statewide hotline for runaways, been counsel to U.S. Defense Department agencies and has been a staff attorney for the San Diego Superior Court for 15 years. She represents judges and trial court employees in litigation matters and provides advice in labor and employment matters. Son Jack is a 21-year-old student at University of California, Riverside. ... **William Poe** (J.D.) encourages fellow alumni interested in reading what he's been up to, to log on to the Web site www.poorwilliam.net.

1983

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Daniel Beyer (M.B.A.) has enjoyed a wonderful career with the Automobile Club of Southern California, where he is in his 25th year. He is a staff manager for the claims business unit, ensuring continuous improvement in field claims operations.

1984

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

In 1998, **Ashley Noble** (M.B.A.) established Noble Consulting, a management consulting practice with a focus on finance, information technology and strategic planning. He also does pro bono work for charities and finds time for sports and hobbies as well as friends and family.

1985

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Debra Carrillo (J.D.) earned a master's degree in screenwriting and producing at the University of California, Los Angeles, after several years as a trial attorney. She works as a legal consultant to television dramas and as a freelancer. ... **Sandra Flannery** (J.D.) is a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney. She and her husband, Randy, have two sons, Joseph Aloysius and Daniel

MackLeroy. ... **Carol (Ramsden) Koppenheffer** (M.A.) teaches in the religious studies department at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Calif., along with **Pat (Basnett) Brainerd '84 (M.A.)**; **Helen Steves '84 (M.R.E.)**; and **Margery Fischer '93 (M.Ed.)**. ... **Doug Kroll** (M.A.) was selected to deliver his paper, "The Russian-American 'Love Fest' of Civil War San Francisco," at the Pacific Coast branch of the August American Historical Association meeting in San Jose, Calif. The Foundation for Coast Guard History selected his recently published biography of Commodore Ellsworth Bertholf as a "best book on Coast Guard history." Doug lives in Palm Desert, Calif., where he is an assistant professor of history at College of the Desert. ... **Sandra Scott** (J.D.) is working as a court-appointed guardian for legally incompetent individuals, and says it's an extremely rewarding career.

1986

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Edward Dauer and **Elizabeth (Bartell) Dauer** married in 1988. Ed spent five years as a U.S. Army helicopter pilot in Korea and Fort Carson, Colo. The couple have three daughters: Madeleine, 12; Emily, 10; and Margaret, 8. The family settled in the Seattle area where Liz grew up. Ed is now a sales manager in the flexible plastics industry and covers the western half of Canada and seven western states.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Vicki (Spangler) Pilling (M.Ed.) was named the 2004 Most Outstanding Special Education Teacher by the North Coastal Consortium for Special Education. ... **Bruce Winkelman** (J.D.) started a new firm, Craig and Winkelman, in March 2003 in Berkeley, Calif. With five attorneys, the firm focuses on complex insurance coverage litigation. He also has an active mediation practice and is an adjunct professor in insurance and alternative dispute resolution. He writes that, "on the home front, my wife Peg and I enjoy the craziness that only three kids, ages 12, 10 and 4, can provide."

1987

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Renetta (Hohman) Hendricks (M.Ed. '88) lives in Bellbrook, Ohio,

with her husband and seven children. She is a stay-at-home mother and hopes to return to teaching someday. Her husband plans to retire from the U.S. Air Force soon. ...

Yvette (Batista) Magnaghi is a stay-at-home mother to son Matthew, 9, and Marissa, 6. She spends most of her time volunteering at St. James Catholic Church. She and husband **Ron Magnaghi** live in Del Mar, Calif. Ron is senior director at Cushman and Wakefield. ... **Kurt Martens** lives in Tiburon,

1988

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Robert Bernstein (J.D.) and wife Robyn married in July 2003 and now share a happy and noisy home in the Rancho Peñasquitos neighborhood of San Diego with Robyn's children, Destinee, 9, Chance, 8, a cocker spaniel and a boxer. ... **Martha (Davis) Alexander** (J.D.) retired in 1999 to be a stay-at-home mother. She and her husband are blessed to be in the process of adopting three siblings: Kristofer, 3, and Armando, 2,

"On the home front, my wife Peg and I enjoy the craziness that only three kids, ages 12, 10 and 4, can provide."

— **Bruce Winkelman '86 (J.D.)**

Calif., with wife Kristen and three daughters, ages 10, 7 and 1. He works at Mosaic Asset Management, a hedge fund in San Francisco.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Gregory Brown (J.D.) recently sold his senior partner interest in the firm of Kring and Brown. After 14 years with that firm, he formed Brown and Charbonneau, LLP, a boutique trial, litigation, business and family law firm. Gregory also founded a trial presentation and technology consulting firm called On Trial, LLP. In addition, he serves as vice chairman of the board and chairman-elect for the Orangewood Children's Foundation/PALS. He also recently completed the Ironman Triathlon. ...

Jacqueline Cotten (M.S.N.) still loves being a nurse practitioner in schools and military dependent clinics. She writes, "My retirement abode awaits me in Bigfork, Mont. I will spend all summer there this year." She says she would love to hear from all her nursing colleagues. ... **Sheryl Harris** (M.Ed.) retired from teaching and is pursuing other interests like jazz piano, traveling, reading and friendships. ... **Kneave Riggall** (LL.M.) published his 30th tax article, "The Tax Traps Lurking in Subchapter S," in the September 2003 issue of *Los Angeles Lawyer*. He practices tax law in South Pasadena, Calif., and teaches in Loyola Law School's Tax LL.M. program.

who have been with the couple for two years, as well as sister Mikayla, 3 months, who has been with the family for just over a month. ...

Sandra (Aughinbaugh) McBeth

(J.D.) is a sole practitioner concentrating on bankruptcies and collections. She is a member of the panel of Chapter 7 trustees for the Central District of California, handling cases in the northern division.

1989

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Jill (Roemer) Yates and her husband Jeff live in Newport Beach, Calif., and have been married for six years. Jill is the operations manager for an executive suite company in Newport Beach and Jeff owns treatment centers there.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Paul Reisman (M.A.) retired from his dental practice and wrote *History of Christianity: Forming the Future Through Knowledge of the Past*. ... On May 21, **Vickie (Pochelle) Whitney** (J.D.) received the Attorney General's Award for Excellence for her work on the Attorney General's Energy Task Force. The task force was formed during the height of the energy crisis in January 2001, at the request of then-Gov. Gray Davis. During her tenure on the task force, Vickie worked on a high-profile Federal District Court case to compel energy suppliers to keep supplying



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energy to California in the face of rolling blackouts. Vickie also litigated proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C., regarding overcharges to California by more than 300 parties, which to date has yielded over \$3 billion in refunds to the state. She individually negotiated settlements with two energy companies for more than \$23 million, investigated and produced more than 400 pieces of evidence and expert testimony which has resulted in \$40 million in settlements in California, and was a contributor to the recently released, "Attorney General's Energy White Paper: A Law Enforcement Perspective on the California Energy Crisis."



1990s

1990

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Antoinette Aquiningoc bought her own home in May 2002 in Fayetteville, N.C., and, after two years, is still adding all the personal touches that make it "my space."

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Teresa (Dwyer) Beck (J.D.) reports that son Ryan is 10 and into Little League baseball, daughter Madison is 8 and into anything girly, and son Evan is 6 and loves baseball and math. Teresa still is a partner at Lincoln, Gustafson and Cerco, proudly representing organizations like the Zoological Society of San Diego, Sea World and the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau. ...

Mary Jean (Manuel) Bega (M.Ed.) has been teaching for 13 years in the public school system of Hawaii. She also is an instructor in the master of education program at the University of Phoenix, Maui. ...

Karen (Harris) Odama (M.B.A.) takes care of three children under the age of 5 in Santa Monica, Calif. She reports the job "takes good organizational skills." ... **Brian Moss (J.D.)** and wife **Vicky (Biedebach)**

Moss (J.D.) continue to practice law in Orange County, Calif. Brian is an equity partner in the firm of Manning and Marder, Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, LLP. Vicky practices business litigation in Newport Beach, Calif.

1991

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Sherry Cooper (M.S.N. '94) worked for five years as a child/adolescent nurse practitioner at University of California, San Diego. She now works as a nurse educator for a long-term acute care rehabilitation hospital. ... **Julie (Solman)**

Ewers works for Johnson & Johnson's ortho biotech division and lives with husband Dave in the Rancho Bernardo neighborhood of San Diego. ... **Monique (DeCoite)**

Jasper and husband Dave are parents to sons Drew, 4, and Kyle, 2 1/2.

... **Barbara Massey** is a pastry chef and owner of Tartine, a European café in Coronado, Calif.

... **Liz Muñoz** has opened a family law practice. She has been married 10 years and has two children, Miguel Christain, 3, and Victoria Lucia, 1. The family recently visited Disneyland. She says, "We had a wonderful time watching our son's eyes light up with amazement."

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Katherine Mattes (J.D.) is teaching at the criminal law clinic at Tulane Law School in New Orleans, where she lives with husband Jeff and 7-year-old daughter Colleen. "In addition to Jazz Fest, I've added Mardi Gras and the Swamp Fest to my list of don't-miss New Orleans high holy days." ... **Kathryn Murray (J.D.)** is a partner with Mount and Stoelker and focuses her practice in the areas of business litigation and employment law. Kathryn serves on the board of trustees for the San Jose Repertory Theater and is a member of the board of directors of the Morgan Center.

1992

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Jeanette Baust (M.A.) recently completed her doctorate in religious and theological studies at the University of Denver and the Iliff School of Theology. Jeanette's dissertation, completed in November, was titled, "Perspectives on Racism from Religious Congregants: A Sociological Exploration of New Thought, Mainline, and Evangelical Churches." ... **Todd Ewing (J.D.)** celebrated the birth of his third child, Collin Nathaniel, on May 18, 2003. On Jan. 1, Todd was named managing partner of Hanna and

Brophy's Riverside, Calif., office. He has hired two recent law school graduates, **Jon Shetler '02 (J.D.)** and **Nam Tran '99 (J.D. '03)** to the Riverside office. ... **John Joseph Henry (J.D.)** is a partner in a fitness business, Fitness 19, which has 17 locations in six different states.

1993

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Mark Coletta (M.B.A. '95) moved from Dallas to Washington, D.C., in 2001. He is the regional partner and vice president for Fairfield Residential in the mid-Atlantic region and has opened a regional office in Bethesda, Md. He recently became a homeowner for the first time and is still unmarried with no children. ... **Jessica Fawver** joined two other attorneys to form Raymond, O'Donnell and Fawver, LLP, in Solana Beach, Calif., after relocating from a national class-action law firm in San Francisco and working for a San Diego-area firm for two years.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

On July 12, **Timothy Fox (M.A.)** accepted a government position as assistant deputy director/program analyst for the concepts/integration division of the Joint Non-Lethal Directorate. He says this is a jointly manned activity that supports all Department of Defense research, development and acquisition of non-lethal weapons. ... **Terry Moore (M.B.A.)** is founder and chairman of

proud, but tired, mother of Logan, 6, and Emma, 3," she reports. ...

Joanne Zipay (M.F.A.) recently directed and produced "Richard III" and "Love's Labor's Lost" for her company, Judith Shakespeare Company, in New York City. She continues teaching and directing around the country.

1994

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Sylvia (Polonsky) Gaffney (J.D.) reports that husband **Jeffrey Gaffney '93 (J.D.)** was unexpectedly mobilized to Bahrain in April. Sylvia recently planned to take the couple's two children to visit him. ... **Ron Mukai (J.D.)** quit practicing law and began real estate development. He recently completed his first shopping center, the East L.A. Civic Center Plaza. He was married in December 2000.

1995

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Geoff Vanderhyde moved to Portland, Ore., after five years in Seattle working as an audio engineer at Bad Animals recording studio. He almost has completed his first year at the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, studying to become an acupuncturist. He plans to receive a master's degree in Fall 2006. ... **Chris White (M.A. '01)** and **Jolene (Saenz) White '00 (M.A.)** have been happily married for six years, and their son, Marquez, turns 3 this year. Chris still plays

"In addition to Jazz Fest, I've added Mardi Gras and the Swamp Fest to my list of don't-miss New Orleans high holy days."

— Katherine Mattes '91 (J.D.)

the VC Roundtable, a private, invitation-only organization in San Diego, whose membership includes the general partners of venture capital funds, corporate VCs and the leadership of angel organizations from all over Southern California. ... **Pamela (Etter) Rand (J.D.)** practices criminal law with her husband in the Banker's Hill neighborhood of San Diego. She is president of the South Bay Bar Association. "I am also the

basketball with USD's current undergraduates during open gym hours on campus.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Monte Brem (J.D., M.B.A.) is married to wife Elizabeth, a securities litigation attorney at Gibson, Dunn and Crutler, and the couple have a 3-year-old son named Aidan. Monte is a managing director with a private

equity firm called Pacific Corporate Group in the La Jolla neighborhood of San Diego. The family lives in Encinitas, Calif. ... **Rebeca De La Cerra** (J.D.) received a master's degree in education after working three years for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's office. She taught high school for two years before returning to law. She has an office in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. Her husband, Mark Martinez, is an elementary school teacher. ... **Lisa (Hoehle) Martin** (M.B.A.) relocated to Charleston, S.C., and is considering teaching acting at the local community colleges. She also works in the tax field. ... **Melynda Myers-Mallory** (M.S.N.) opened her own practice as a solo nurse practitioner. Her company, called Mallory Medical: A Rejuvenating Healing Center, specializes in integrative health care for people with fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome. It's located in Temecula, Calif., where Melynda and her husband, Steve, have lived for four years. "Business is going well and lots of people, including myself, are recovering from these illnesses," she says. "Life is good!"

1996

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Michael Bernards recently took a position in sales with Copytronix selling office equipment and document solution programs. His two Labrador retrievers, Jake and Bailey, recently turned 1 year old. ... **Shane and Kristin (Huffaker) '00 Knight** were married in Kansas City in August 2002. Shane teaches eighth grade in the Kansas City area and is pursuing a doctorate in education administration from the University of Kansas. The couple recently bought a home in Shawnee Mission, Kan.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Addison Adams (J.D.) is a partner at Richardson and Patel, LLP and is married to wife Karin. ... **Merrick Marino** (M.Ed., M.B.A. '03) married Claudia Bolognesi on Aug. 10, 2002. The couple also exchanged vows in Claudia's home country of Italy on June 29, 2003. ... **Renee St. Clair** (J.D.) was named partner in the firm of Trouillan, Inveiss, Ponticello and Demakis in June. She has worked at the firm since 1996. Her practice focuses on employment law defense, workers' compensation

defense and defending claims under The Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

1997

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

David Mann (M.E.A.) has a wonderful son, Dylan, who will be 2 years old in October. David will be moving to Tampa in the fall to teach acting at the University of South Florida. He reports "wonderful successes" at south Florida theaters including "Hamlet" at New Theater and "The Blue Room" at Gables Stage. ... **Ponzio Oliverio** (J.D.) is a professor of criminal justice at National University and the University of Phoenix. He is also a columnist for the *San Diego County Herald* newspaper and was published in *True Blue*, a best-selling police anthology. ... **Jennifer Reiter** (M.Ed.) is a third-year doctoral student in leadership studies at USD. She teaches education courses at National University and supervises student-teachers at USD. She has an 18-month-old son, Harrison, and has been married to her wonderful husband Jim for four years.

1998

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Chris DeNardi is president and owner of the Southern California Case construction equipment dealership, which has three locations. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children, Isabel, 5, and Dominic, 3. The family lives in Coronado, Calif. ... **Jennifer Dunlap** lives in the Bay area and in Brazil with her husband. She is working on a master's degree to teach English as a second language. ... **Shana Lathrop** (J.D. '01) co-founded Rainmaker Business Group, a San Diego-based business consulting firm. The firm specializes in working with entrepreneurs, start-up companies and small businesses seeking capital, strategic alliances or select professional consulting services. ... **Kevin Rodgers** graduated on May 16 from the Boston University Graduate School of Management with an M.B.A. and M.S. in information systems. While a student, he founded the Boston University MBA Sports Management Association. He plans to move back to Southern California, where he will pursue a career in marketing, ideally for a sports-related company.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

A. Elaine Bond (D.N.Sc.) works in international, trauma and disaster nursing. She has taken nursing students to Amman, Jordan, where she continues doing research with the University of Jordan faculty. She was an American Red Cross disaster nurse at the Pentagon following the 9/11 attacks. ... **Julie Flynn Cory** (M.A.) is taking time off work to stay at home with her 2-year-old daughter Emily and is loving it. ... **Opaul Vorachak** (M.Ed.) has been working at Bayside Community Center in San Diego as the director of children's programs for five years. She works with more than 100 young English learners every year. Opaul works closely with 50 or more USD volunteers per semester to help the English learners in her program.

1999

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Chris Yount received an M.B.A. from University of California, Irvine, where he graduated with honors. He works as a marketing services manager for Fortifiber Corp. In May, he celebrated his two-year wedding anniversary with **Mary (Engel) Yount '99 (M.B.A.)**. Mary was recently promoted to assistant vice president at Wells Fargo Bank.



2000

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Nanique (Jimenez) Castro works in retirement services for American Funds. She married her high school sweetheart, Robert Castro, on Jan. 4, 2003. The couple live in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. ... **Cheryl Piini** graduated from California Western Law School in April.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Jaymie Gonzaga (M.A.) is an adjunct counselor at Miramar City, Cuyamaca and Mira Costa community colleges. He also serves as a reservist in the California Army National Guard. He is the single parent of son Bart, 15. ... **Lincoln Smith** (M.B.A.) and his wife, Shannon, had son Aidan in July 2003. The family lives in Boston where Lincoln is business develop-

ment director for Heritage Marketing and Incentives.

2001

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Elisa Cadwell (M.Ed. '03) reports that she was in a serious motorcycle accident on July 13, 2003, and that she has spent the year recuperating and doing physical therapy. She is now walking with crutches and has started a new job. Elisa also volunteers teaching English as a second language to adults. ... **Tamara Damante** is morning and noon news anchorwoman at KESQ-TV in Palm Springs, Calif. She began her professional television reporting career three years ago as an intern at KGTV Channel 10, the ABC affiliate in San Diego. ... **Molly Siebert** graduated from the University of Washington School of Law in June and planned to take the bar exam in July. She also planned to take time off to travel before starting work as an associate with Cozen O'Connor in Seattle. ... **Michael Van Derwood** returned to the United States in July after serving two years in Nicaragua as a Peace Corps volunteer in a youth development program. Michael will attend Officers' Candidate School with the U.S. Marine Corps in Quantico, Va.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Scott Hermanson (I.M.B.A.) and his wife have three children, Matias, Annika and Marko. Scott is a triathlete. ... **Daniel Lieb** (J.D.) and his wife moved back to California after three years on the East Coast. The couple recently had a baby girl, Rachel, and started a wedding videography business. ... **Eric Strongin** (J.D.) practices law in the areas of insurance and business litigation. Since joining Jones, Turner, LLP, he specializes in the areas of insurance coverage and insurance bad faith litigation.

2002

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Tamara McCormic (J.D.) started a real estate firm specializing in residential sales and property management. ... **Manfred Muecke** (J.D.) began taking an evening M.B.A. program at San Diego State University. ... **Jeanne Murray** (J.D.) and her husband, Scott, welcomed their first child, daughter Kelly Helene, on Dec. 14, 2002.



ALUMNI GALLERY

2003

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Barbara Buckovetz (M.Ed.) is a curriculum and training specialist for the U.S. Navy at the base in Yokuska, Japan. The position involves the training and guidance of directors, teachers and home child care personnel. ... **Danielle (Wolff) Ferrigno** (M.A.) is a counselor at the Renfrew Center, a residential treatment center for eating disorders and women's mental health in Coconut Creek, Fla. ... **Julia Smith** (M.A.) planned to begin law school at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., in August.

2004

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Lindile Ndlebe (M.A.) and wife **Linda (Murray) Ndlebe '91** have two beautiful daughters, Ayanda, 8, and Isabella, 5. The family planned to move to Michigan in August, where Linda will pursue her medical degree at Michigan State University in East Lansing.



Marriages

Sam Spinello '92 married Amber Thiesen on April 3 in Indian Wells, Calif. Sam is the owner of Spinello Commercial Real Estate, Inc. and Spinello Property Management. Amber is finishing a master's degree in counseling. ... **Brian McDonald '93** married Amanda Zielinski on Oct. 4. He has graduated from law school and his hobbies include skiing, soccer and techno. ... "Whew! A lot can happen in 11 years!" says **Jennifer Scarborough '93**. She married attorney Gary Haslerud in

September. The couple honeymooned in Australia, where they went diving at the Great Barrier Reef. Jennifer is following her dream of working as a television news

Working as a TV news anchor has its

perks. For instance, flying with the Blue Angels, a once-in-a-lifetime experience. "I pulled 7.2 Gs and did not pass out!"

— Jennifer Scarborough '93

anchor at KRCR-TV, an ABC affiliate in Redding, Calif. She has flown with the Blue Angels, a once-in-a-lifetime experience. "I pulled 7.2 Gs and did not pass out!" she says. Jennifer also spent three weeks in Thailand with a group of local teenagers on a community service mission. ... **Mary Beth McGovern '93** married Chris Strait on March 13 at the Wayfarer's Chapel in Rancho Palos Verdes. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and lives in Los Angeles. Mary Beth is a feng shui practitioner and creativity teacher and Chris is a stand-up comedian. ... **Mark Scelfo '94** and **Mary Schierman '94** were married Sept. 27 at Founders Chapel. Members of the wedding party included: best man **Mark Daquipa '94**; **J.D. Black '94**; **Thomas "Mac" McFeely '94**; maid of honor **Erica (Gibney) Magnuson '94**; **Sarah (Chaput) Knoke '94**; and **Kristen (Jones) Schram '94**. Mark and Mary honeymooned in Maui and Kauai and live in San Diego. ... **Andrea Callen '97** married Robert Porter on Feb. 7 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco. **Jeana**

(Allen) Jorde, who attended USD from 1993 to 1996, **Lauren (Boaz) Jones '97**, **Sarah (Skibba) Burchetta '97**, **Colleen Henley '97**, and

Stephanie Mascott '97 were in the wedding party. ... **Tracy Cocco '98** married Jesse Hill on July 10 in Solana Beach, Calif., at St. James Catholic Church. The couple live in Encinitas, Calif., and look forward to a long, healthy marriage. ... **Dana Schick '98** married **Bryan Sullivan '98** on Oct. 25 in Laguna Beach, Calif., in front of family, friends and many USD alumni. The couple live in Costa Mesa, Calif. Dana works as a director of planning for Saatchi and Saatchi in Los Angeles. Bryan works as an investment banker at Friedman Billings Ramsey in Irvine, Calif. ... **Sonia Bell '99** married **Josh Morrisroe '99** on May 8 in Sorrento, Italy. USD alumni in attendance included: **Mark Bella '98**, **Rocio Castrillon '99**, and **Vanessa Voors '99**. Josh is an editor and segment producer at MTV Networks and Sonia is an employment manager at Lieberman Research Worldwide. ... **Christina Crinella '99** married Patrick Waters on May 1 in Founders Chapel. **Ramona (Crinella) Nizibian '83** was matron of honor. **Kelly Odell '00** was a bridesmaid. **Peter Crinella '86** and **Andy Crinella '93** were groomsmen. Christina and Patrick live in San Diego and both are employed at Lerach, Coughlin, Stoia and Robbins, LLP. ... **Anna Maria Grobe '01** married Nick Hjorth, brother of **Joanna Hjorth '03**, on July 31 at Founders Chapel. Anna teaches life science, physical science and physics at Ramona Convent Secondary School in Alhambra, Calif. ... **Korie Norris '01** was married Aug. 28 to Leo P. Norton. The pair was set up by Korie's roommate at USD and sorority sister in

Alpha Delta Pi, **Susan Curtis '01**. The couple were married in Temecula, Calif., and honeymooned in the Cayman Islands. ... **Jennifer Soares '01** married Tim Skeen in Monterey, Calif., on June 26. Jennifer teaches fourth grade at a Catholic elementary school. The couple live in San Diego. ... **Mark Hill '02** married **Melanie Whittington '03** in July. Melanie works for an accounting firm in San Diego and Mark works for Quiksilver. ... **Ryan Stack '03** and **Heather Barnes '04** were married July 18 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Coronado, Calif. The reception was at the Admiral Kidd Club. Members of the wedding party included: **Chris Jones '03**; **Steve Mang '03**; **Scott Schimmel '02**; **Brianne Newman '04**; and **Katie McDaniel '04**. Ryan and Heather honeymooned in St. Lucia. They live in the Scripps Ranch neighborhood of San Diego and Ryan is attending USD law school.



Births

Jennifer (Jacobs) Deming '89 announces the birth of second son Owen Robert on Jan. 2. Owen joins older brother Liam, who recently turned 2. Jennifer lives in San Francisco with husband Sean and her sons. ... **Jennifer (Hooper) McCain '90 (J.D.)** is proud to announce that she gave birth to a daughter, Marilyn Jane, on July 29. ... **Jonmari (Badillo) Olsen '91** and husband Dale welcomed daughter Carli Mari on March 23. Carli joins brothers: Chase, 6; Conner, 4; and Tyler, 3. The family recently relocated from Dallas to Orono, Minn., where Jonmari is enjoying staying at home with her four children. ... **Michael Daly '93** and wife Gretchen welcomed second son MacGregor on March 21. MacGregor joins Carter who turned 2 on July 25. Michael recently took an equity position in a firm called Key2Travel Inc. ... **Allison (Andes) Gobat '93 (M.Ed. '94)** and her husband celebrated the birth of their son,

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Silas, in March. Silas joins big brother Caden, 3 1/2. ... **Mandy (Johnston) '93** and **Tom '93 Murphy** welcomed second son Dylan Joseph on Feb. 15. Dylan joins big brother Ryan who just turned 2. ... **Kristin Krycia '93 (M.Ed.)** and husband Joe recently gave birth to their third child, Juliette. Kristin is involved with Operation Respect and now works at a high school. ... **Wendy Wutzke '93 (M.B.A.)** gave birth to daughter Siena on Aug. 1. On Oct. 12, she married Scott Haustein. Wendy has her own law practice emphasizing estate planning. ... **Chad '95** and **Laetitia (Warden) '94 (M.Ed. '96) Czernial** welcomed their first child, a daughter named Lael Victoria, on April 30. Tish is a junior high school teacher at Good Shepherd Catholic School in the Mira Mesa neighborhood of San Diego. Chad is the national marketing manager for Nimax, a distributor of bar coding and point-of-sale equipment, based in San Diego. ... **Terri (Burges) Hirning '95** and husband Eric welcomed their first child, Matthew Joseph, on Sept. 9. Terri quit her job as director of marketing for a national wholesaler to stay at home with Matthew. The family lives in the Mira Mesa neighborhood of San Diego. ... **Gina (Vergilio) Mock '95** announces the birth of third child, Nicole Jane, born Dec. 11. Nicole joins big brother Joshua, 4, and Rebecca, 2. ... **Amie (McMullin) Lund '96** and husband Brendan welcomed son Conor Kenneth on Feb. 23. Amie and Brendan married on Sept. 14, 2002, in Seattle. They recently moved to San Francisco where Amie is a counselor and Brendan is a tax attorney. ... **Maria (Murphy) '96** and **Jim '00 (J.D.) Delaney** celebrated the arrival of their first child, Ava Catherine, on Oct. 26. ... **Stacy Rocheleau '96 (J.D.)** gave birth to daughter Jessica on Feb. 10. Jessica was welcomed by twins Jenna and Jordan, 2. Stacy opened Rocheleau Law Group in Las Vegas in May 2003. ... **Stefanie (Kring) Van Aken '97** and husband Kelly had their first child, Gerald Oliver, on May 14. ... **Darcy (Farrell) Lewis '98** and husband Jon welcomed daughter Claire Caroline into the world on April 28. ... **Amy**

(Willmon) '98 and **Dominic '00 Repetti** were blessed with first baby Gianna Bella on July 2. Amy is staying at home and Dominic is a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards. The family lives in Encinitas, Calif. ... **Kristopher Diulio '99** and wife Christiana gave birth to first son Anthony on June 21 in Washington, D.C. Kristopher is finishing his clerkship there, and plans to return to Costa Mesa, Calif., where he will work at the Irvine office of law firm Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher. ... **Cynthia Harf '99 (LL.M.)** and her husband, David Kaiden, are thrilled to announce the birth of Tanner Reese on Feb. 10. Cynthia practices family law in San Diego, now part-time. ... **Andy '99 (M.B.A.)** and **Daniele (Dilling) '99 (M.B.A.) Pollin** welcomed the birth of their baby boy, Jack Conrad, on Jan. 3. Andy is director of acquisitions at Pacifica Companies, a commercial real estate company in San Diego. Daniele is international marketing manager at Cange International, an export management company in San Diego. ... **Kristina (Lukowski) Casola '01 (M.A.)** welcomed daughter Emerson Grace on April 10. ... **Elizabeth (West) '01** and **Bryan '99 Weatherup** are pleased to announce the birth of Evelyn Grace on June 28.

In Memoriam

Curtis Treadwell '95 was killed, along with his wife and two children, in a plane crash near Austin, Texas. ... Lt. Cmdr. **Scott Zellem '02 (M.S.G.L.)** lost his life in an accident during flight operations on the *USS Stennis* near Japan. He was a member of the VS-35 squadron based at North Island Naval Air Station.

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Confessions of a Binge-Drinker

After Toren Volkmann '02 graduated from USD, he landed a coveted spot in South America with the Peace Corps. Little did he know he'd wind up as the "I Told You So" poster boy for alcohol awareness by the age of 24.

My thumb had apparently been extended for quite some time when the truck driver picked me up and took me to the train station. I wondered if he smelled my urine-soaked pants or noticed the blood on my shirt. Surely he had no idea what I had been through the night before. The scary part is neither did I. Scarier still was that this hardly fazed me, and I was still a teen-ager.

I started partying regularly when I was 15 and continued throughout my college years. Aware of the risks of heavy drinking, I had no intention of letting a substance run my life. All my drinking took place under social circumstances — and my life became extremely social. After a series of unfortunate drinking-related incidents in high school — getting kicked off the soccer team, the football team, the swim team and such — I had told my parents that I was going to buckle down in college.

I meant it when I said it.

Getting drunk was always my intention when I drank. My drink of choice was Olympia Ice, though I would happily drink Pabst, Bull Ice

or Old English. Life was a party; I worked hard and played harder. Rules didn't apply to me, and if they did, I broke them.

While my self-destruction wasn't typical, the amount of heavy drinking that occurs on and around any college campus can make binge drinking seem normal. I balanced long weekends of heavy drinking with adequate studying

Parents and students need to talk to one another about alcohol consumption.

and justified my lifestyle to anyone who questioned it. Not many did.

After facing several disciplinary issues at USD and arrests off-campus as a result of my drinking, I figured that my problems with alcohol had peaked. Surely my life would normalize after graduation.

Even with all the heavy drinking I engaged in, I still knew, on some level, that what I really wanted was to live my life purposefully and experience diverse cultures. So the answer to post-college doldrums and a failing job market was to become a Peace Corps volunteer. It seemed perfect: I would gain life experience, give back to humanity and — most important — gain the time necessary to pursue much-needed introspection.



"Getting drunk was always my intention when I drank."

I moved to South America and took a blank slate with me, along with dreams of fortifying my Spanish and learning the indigenous language.

I thought I was ready to become a different person. Along with learning to play guitar, I started to see the value in learning to live by a different set of rules. I also came to see the difficulties, frustrations and rewards of adjusting to a third-world culture.

But alongside these external challenges, I was slowly being beaten down by the painful realization that I was indeed an alcoholic. Symptoms of my drinking worsened more than I had thought possible. Since not drinking was not an option, I'd try to drink socially, but I couldn't. I'd get too intoxicated, black out, stop eating and eventually go through withdrawal, sweating through my nights, legs cramping, fearful that if I slept I'd start having seizures. Nothing I tried made things better.

I found it difficult to focus. I couldn't remember what I had planned to buy at the market, what I had just been discussing with a group, what I was learning in language class. The further I got into withdrawal, the more my frustration turned into fear. My confidence and sense of humor were disappearing. I felt totally out of control on a purely physical level.

I was freaking out, and it was no fun whatsoever.

How was this possible? Maybe I knew I was an alcoholic back in high school. Probably I really knew by the end of college. Certainly I had to have known before I entered the Peace Corps. But maybe it was the harsh living circumstances in South America that had caused my alcoholism.

Yeah, right. It's called denial. And it's not just a river in Egypt.

Finally I realized I needed help. I couldn't run this show on my own. Within a week I was admitted to a rehab center in the northeast United States where my real journey began. My situation was serious, but I had no idea what I was in for at the time.

None of it was easy. All of it was worth it.

Now I know that I'm not just a free spirit, but a flaming alcoholic. Since completing rehab last October, I lived in a halfway house for six months and co-wrote a book about my experiences. In it, my mother and I explore the ways that alcoholism has impacted our lives and how binge drinking affects college campuses and society.

As for me, I'm just learning how to live sober, one day at a time. ♣

Find out more about the book, Our Drink: Detoxing the Perfect Family, co-authored by Toren Volkmann and his mother, Chris, at www.ourdrink.com.

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FALL CALENDAR

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OCTOBER

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The Gospel According to Rembrandt

View works on paper by the great artist, on loan to the university. Noon-4 p.m., Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; noon-6 p.m., Thursdays. Through Sunday, Dec. 12, in Founders Gallery, Founders Hall. Free.



NOVEMBER

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Law and Religion

As part of the Invisible University, this event explores the question of whether ours is a nation "under God" or a secular country in which religion should be practiced in private. 10-11:30 a.m., Degheri Alumni Center, Room 112/113. Call (619) 260-4815 or log on to www.sandiego.edu/uralumni/iu.



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Faculty Recital

Scott Walton and USD Professor: Christopher Adler. 8 p.m., Shiley Theatre, Camino Hall. \$8 general admission; \$6 non-USD students, seniors, USD faculty, staff, alumni; free to USD students with ID.

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Fourth Annual Family-Owned Business Awards

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Sebastiani-Mertens of the Viansa Winery and Italian Marketplace, owned by the Sebastiani family. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., USD Manchester Executive Conference Center. \$49 per individual, or \$450 per table of 10. (619) 260-4231 or e-mail jodiw@sandiego.edu.

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Indian Classical Flute Recital

Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, master of the Hindustani flute, performs in a rare U.S. appearance. 7 p.m., Shiley Theatre, Camino Hall. \$25 general admission; \$10 USD students. Advance tickets available at the Hahn University Center Box Office.

15-19

Senior Thesis Exhibition

Jessica Arsenian. Visual Arts Center, Sacred Heart Hall, Camino Hall, Room 102. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free, open to the public.

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How to Research Your Doctor

We all know that a physician needs a "license" in order to practice medicine, but who grants that license? The state? The federal government? A local agency? Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, Administrative Director of USD's Center for Public Interest Law, will discuss the role of the Medical Board of California in licensing, regulating and disciplining California physicians, and show attendees how to learn more about their physician's record. 10-11:30 a.m., Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Auditorium. Call (619) 260-4815 or log on to www.sandiego.edu/uralumni/iu.

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USD Symphony Fall Concert

Angela Yeung, director. Program includes Berlioz's "Roman Carnival Overture," Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite," and a specially commissioned work by USD Symphony member Todd Mastic. 8 p.m., Shiley Theatre, Camino Hall. \$8 general; \$6 non-USD students, seniors, USD faculty, staff, alumni; free to USD students with ID.

20-23

Theatre Performance

"Sylvia," by A.R. Gurney. Undergraduates in the USD Theatre Arts Program perform this comedy about a punky pooch named Sylvia who finds her way into the home of Greg and Kate, a middle-aged couple living in Manhattan. Complications arise when Kate and Sylvia become rivals for Greg's attention. 8 p.m., Nov. 20, 21, 22, 23, and 2 p.m., Nov. 21. Studio Theatre, Sacred Heart Hall, Camino Hall. \$8, general admission; \$6, students, seniors, USD faculty, staff, alumni. Tickets available at the Hahn University Center Box Office at (619) 260-4600, ext. 4901, two weeks prior to opening. Tickets also available one hour before curtain at Studio Theatre, Sacred Heart Hall. For information log on to www.sandiego.edu/theatre, call (619) 260-7934 or e-mail theatrearts@sandiego.edu.

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Senior Thesis Exhibition

Sarah Wangen. Visual Arts Center, Sacred Heart Hall, Camino Hall, Room 102. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday through Dec. 3. Free, open to the public.

DECEMBER

7-9

California Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of the State of California will sit in special session on campus in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice theatre. In addition to the Special Oral Argument Sessions, the visit will include an opening reception for the Bench and Bar, a celebration dinner, visitations to local high schools and student attendance at court sessions on campus. While the Oral Argument sessions will be free of charge and open to the public, seating is limited. Call (619) 260-7438 or e-mail hrenchir@sandiego.edu.

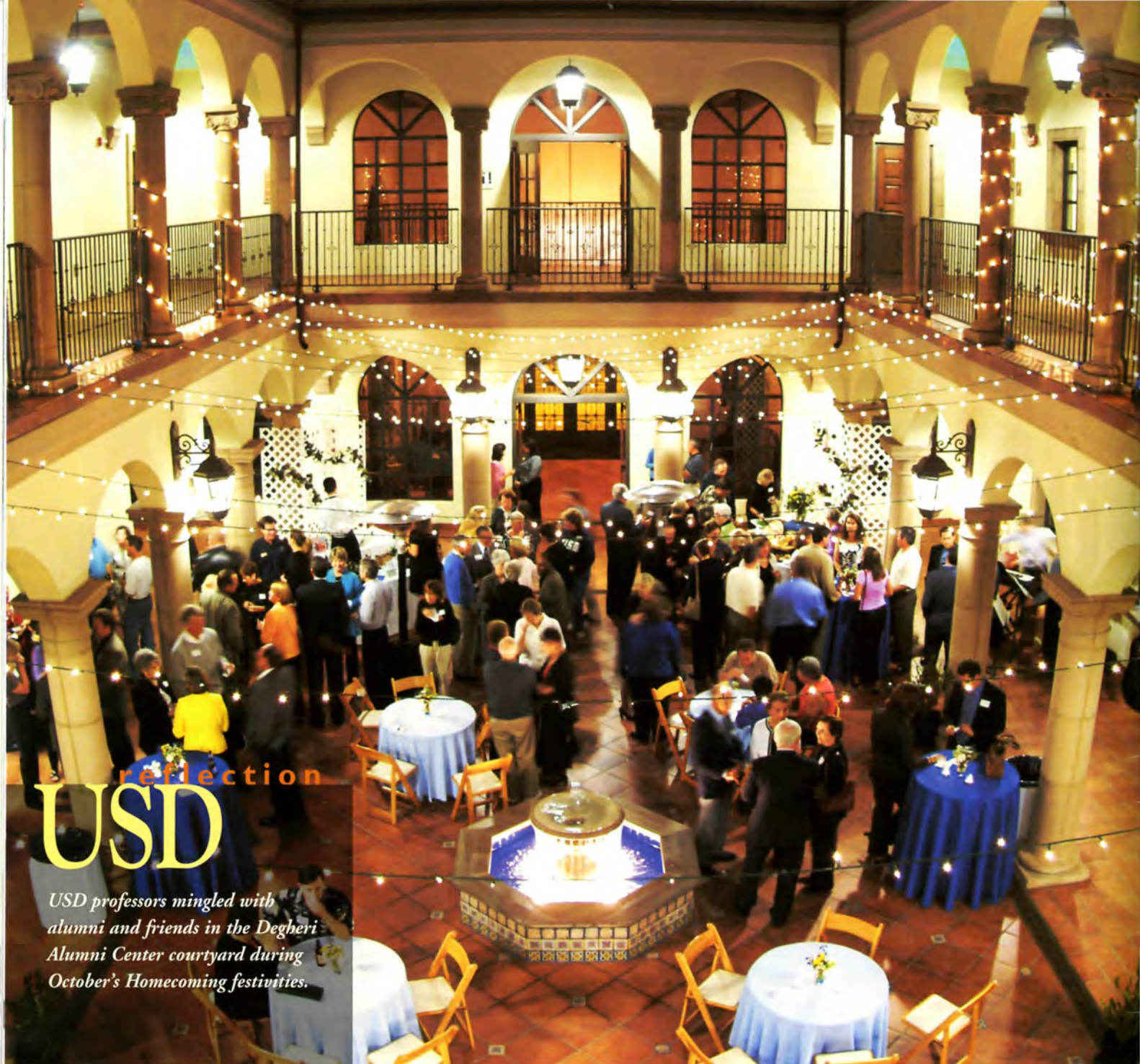


JANUARY

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North County Family Business Forum

USD Family Business Forum members' "Town Hall Meeting." 8:30-10:30 a.m., Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. For information, log on to www.sandiego.edu/bfb or call (619) 260-4231.



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alumni and friends in the Degheri
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